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Home Anniversary

—SYRACUSE, N. Y.—

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"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the aged."

"Some high and noble enterprise of good
Contemplate till it shall possess thy mind,
Become thy study, pastime, rest and food.

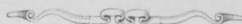
"Do something, do it soon, with all thy might,
An angel's wing would droop if long at rest,
And God inactive, were no longer blest."

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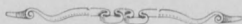
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*Deceased.

PREFACE.

Doubtless there are those who will peruse this re-script of Home history, seeking information they may not find. Much has been done in, for and by The Home of which eternity now alone may bear record. The Association has passed through periods of struggle which might well have dampened an ardor less determined than that of those who fostered its infant years; but God has graciously given to them, and their successors, many and abiding tokens of His love for their work, in crowning them with gifts of material substance and success. In gathering out from printed reports, in examining letters and papers, and in conversation with those earlier familiar with the internal workings of this system of benevolence, it has often been difficult to obtain with definiteness even meagre information on all points of interest which might have been presented.

May He, who can over-rule all the errors of human incompleteness and imperfection, make this chronicle of The Home work, a stimulus to many for larger, broader, and yet more noble effort in behalf of its advancement.

The Syracuse Home Association.

Established 1851. Incorporated 1853.

Early in the winter of 1851, several benevolent ladies of this city, representing the various religious denominations—issued a call for a meeting, the object of which was to establish an association for the relief of the poor

In pursuance of this notice, a meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. H. M. Hyde, on the 23d of December, 1851. preparatory to this had been smaller gatherings at the residence of Mrs. A. R. Hebbard, but at this time it was unanimously resolved to institute then and there "*The Ladies' Relief for the Poor, and Home Association.*"

At that period, about a score of years since, the rapid growth of our city, the excessive taxation, the failure of work, the unusually inclement season, the high prices of living and fuel, had occasioned a great deal of suffering among the poor, and consequent upon it was a large addition to the *corps* of street beggars. To bestow aid indiscriminately upon them was sure to foster vagrancy and pauperism. Those who like their Master "went about doing good," spoke often one to another of the terrible destitution and degradation they found existing in many cases, the almost total lack of shelter for the sick, the needy, the helpless and the erring,—and their hearts were so stirred within them, that they determined if possible, to secure such systematic effort as promised to result in the greatest good, in the best way. Some time previous in the summer of 1850, funds were raised and arrangements made for the support of a

City Missionary. The conviction resulting from the brief period of her work, was the necessity for a larger undertaking, something more permanent, affording greater opportunities for alleviating the sufferings of the deserving poor, and stimulating those who were able, to self support. To a few whose faith was great, may deservedly be given the honor of having solved this problem, and laying out a basis of operation that has proved itself a growing success with every passing year.

Their organization was stated to have a two-fold object viz:—

1. To ascertain the character and wants of the poor of our city who ask our aid, to search out those who may need but do not ask it, affording to the suffering such relief as may be in our power.

2. To establish a Depository and Dispensary of Benevolence, to be under the care of a judicious Matron, subject to the direction and supervision of the Board, which shall not only be a channel of relief to those who suffer at their homes, but which shall serve as a temporary home where virtuous, friendless and destitute females may be sheltered, employed and aided in procuring permanent situations.

To carry out this plan, the ladies present organized an association, and adopted the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the *Syracuse Home Association*.

ART. 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and these with three Directresses from each denomination shall constitute a Board, and shall be elected annually.

ART. 3. The city shall be divided into districts, and visitors appointed to make a thorough investigation of the wants of individuals who properly come under the cognizance of the Association.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the Board to employ a Matron, and impart to her such directions and instructions as they may deem necessary; to require of her an accurate report of her daily operations, and to exercise unceasing vigilance over all the interests of the Association.

ART. 5. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held at "The Home" on the second Tuesday of each month. They may call special meetings and fill their own vacancies. Nine shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall take place on the second Tuesday in April, at which time the election of Officers, Directresses and Counsellors shall take place.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the President, or in case of her absence, of one of the Vice-Presidents to preside at the meetings of the Association.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the Board, and of the Association, to notify meetings, prepare the Annual Report, and to conduct the correspondence of the Association.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report the state of the funds at every monthly meeting of the Board, and to pay out of the same such sums to the Matron and others as the Board shall authorize to meet current expenses.

ART. 10. Any person contributing annually one dollar to the funds of the Association shall be a member thereof. The payment of ten dollars at one time constitutes the donor a life member.

ART. 11. The Constitution may be altered by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Association regularly convened.

BY-LAWS.

ADOPTED JUNE 14, 1853.

ART. 1. *Persons who may be received at the Home:* Respectable, aged, infirm or invalid females who are indigent; Children too old or too young for the Orphan Asylum; Females in search of employment or places, without the means of paying their board or such as having means, require a temporary home, and are willing to conform to the regulations of the family; any who have been forsaken or maltreated, and desire to submit themselves to the reforming influences of christian kindness and care.

ART. 2. Persons wishing admittance to the Home shall, if residents in the city, be visited by the admitting Committee upon whose recommendation they may be received.

ART. 3. No person duly recommended to the Home may be refused admittance without consent of two or more members of the Board, and no inmate of the Home may be dismissed, except in extreme cases, without consent of the same.

ART. 4. As far as practicable, this Association shall endeavor to procure and furnish to widows and others who may desire it, some suitable employment.

ART. 5. No families who, having children of a proper age to attend public school who refuse to send them, shall be aided by this Association—neither shall any who are in the habit of street begging receive any assistance after the opening of the work-house, unless in cases of peculiar distress.

ART. 6. There shall be an Executive Committee whose office shall be to attend to any business occurring in the intervals of the monthly meetings; and this Committee shall see that the Matron, aided by others, prepares the work for the regular sewing meetings, that there be no confusion or delay in this department.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of each visitor to visit in her district faithfully during the summer, in order to determine

who are the provident, industrious and frugal among the poor, and consequently who are the most deserving of aid during the winter.

ART. 8. Members of the Association who send clothing to the Depository shall be entitled to draw thence clothing of equal value for persons they may wish to aid, provided the character and wants of such persons have been investigated by themselves or by the visitors of their respective districts.

ART. 9. It may be deemed right for any one, either subscriber or non-subscriber to the Association, to apply for the relief of distressed persons, or to the visitor in whose district they are found. Care should be taken however, not to encourage assistance from this quarter, irrespective of character.

ART. 10. To obviate as far as possible, the perpetuity of evils resulting to the families of the poor, from wives and mothers untrained to habits of neatness, economy and industry, and unskilled in the use of the needle, it shall be a prominent object of this Association to cause the little girls in such families to be from time to time formed into sewing classes under their supervision, that they may receive instruction in this department, and be early influenced to form habits of order, industry and self-improvement.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to call a roll of the members at each meeting of the Board, marking the names of the absent, and when any member shall have absented herself from three successive meetings without reporting satisfactory reasons, on the fourth meeting she will forfeit her place in the Board.

ART. 12. All the rules and regulations of this Association shall be read at the Quarterly meeting of the Board, and those of the Home *as often*, in the presence of its inmates, and an inventory of household effects shall be taken annually by a Committee chosen from the Board.

Officers of the Association for 1853:

Mrs. Mary A. Maltbie. *President.*

Mrs. Lydia Wallace, {
Mrs. Almira Hebbard, { *Vice-Presidents.*

Mrs. Sarah M. Pratt, *Treasurer*

Mrs. Charlotte B. Dillaye, *Secretary.*

Mrs. Adeline Stevens, *Clerk of Depository.*

Directresses.

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| Mrs. Agnes Dana, | Mrs. Caroline C. Wynkoop, |
| Mrs. Ursula Fitch, | Mrs. Catharine Graves, |
| Mrs. Jennette Hudson, | Mrs. Mary E. Pope, |
| Mrs. Emily M. Seymour, | Mrs. Ednah S. Newell, |
| Mrs. Harriet A. Dunlap, | Mrs. Charlotte E. Alvord, |
| Mrs. Sally Ann Noxon, | Mrs. S. J. Matthews, |
| Mrs. Charlotte Granger, | Mrs. Julia E. Foote. |
| Miss Catharine Post, | Mrs. Sarah White, |
| Mrs. Clara White, | Mrs. Amanda Hurst, |
| Mrs. Mary Pierson, | Mrs. Jane Abbott, |
| Mrs. Olivia M. Pinney, | Mrs. Elizabeth McCarthy, |
| Mrs. Mary Ann Ashby, | Miss Ellen McCarthy, |
| Mrs. Jemimaette Farmer, | Mrs. Emma R. Robinson, |
| Mrs. Cynthia Blackman, | Mrs. Laura G. Matteson, |
| Mrs. Ellen D. Wheaton, | Mrs. S. E. Maltbie. |

Board of Counsellors.

Hiram Putnam, *President.*

C. T. Longstreet, *Vice-President.*

N. F. Graves, *Secretary.*

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| E. B. Wicks, | Russell Hebbard, |
| Horace White, | Thomas G. Alvord, |
| T. B. Fitch, | Daniel Pratt, |
| Charles Pope, | Arnold Woodward, |
| James M. Taylor, | Hamilton White. |

Auditors.

Daniel Pratt, Thomas B. Fitch,

Visitors for the Association.

DISTRICTS.

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| 1. Mrs. Dr. Cator. | 11. Mrs. L. Pelton. |
| 2. " Dr. Adams, and | 12. " Jasper Colvin. |
| " P. Dickinson, | 13. " James Durnford, |
| 3. " Mary Pierson. | 14. 2 Sections : |
| 4. Miss Harriet Walter, | 1. Mrs. Josiah Wright, and |
| 5. Mrs. I. H. Whitlock, | " Dr. Richardson. |
| 6. " E. Town. | 2. " W. H. Alexander and |
| 7. Miss C. Post. | " H. G. Matteson. |
| 8. " Francis Deane. | 15. " E. P. Hopkins. |
| 9. Mrs. A. Markham. | 16. " George Williams. |
| 10. " E. R. Robinson. | 17. " W. E. Abbott. |

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| 18. Mrs. Dr. Skinner. | 31 Mrs. C. A. Trull. |
| 19. " Mary P. Tuttle, and | 32. " C. Pope. |
| " Loenza J. Aldrich. | 33. " Hamilton White. |
| 20 Miss Louisa Spencer. | 34. " O. T. Burt. |
| 21. " Lucy Tuttle. | 35. " A. A. Hudson. |
| 22. Mrs. Horace White, and | 36. " J. E. Avery. |
| " William Jackson. | 37. " Lucy Hatch. |
| 23. " Pauline Woodward. | 38. " Francis Avery. |
| 24. " T. B. Fitch. | 39. " E. P. Fenton. |
| 25. " D. Pratt. | 40. " Wm. Tefft. |
| 26. " Dr. Clary, and | 41. " J. C. Woodruff. |
| " A. Hurst. | 42. " Susan Anderson, and |
| 27. " J. G. Holden. | " Mary Fuller. |
| 28. " E. M. Seymour. | 43. " M. Farmer. |
| 29. " Adeline Stevens. | 44. " R. G. Wynkoop. |
| 30. " Israel Smith, | 45. " S. D. Dillaye. |

The entire city was divided into 45 districts, exclusive of Salina, the Managers from that section of the city having assumed the responsibility of making arrangements for visitation in the 1st ward.

VISITORS' MANUAL.

To aid the Visitors in their responsible duties and promote uniformity of action, the following rules or instructions were adopted by the Association :

1. As a Visitor of this Association, you will find three different classes of persons appealing to your sympathy and aid, each requiring different treatment : *First*, Those whose dependence results from sickness, infirmity, old age, or unavoidable misfortune. *Second*, Those who have reduced themselves to want by improvidence and vice, and *Third*, Those

who being able to labor, *choose* to be beggars by profession. As you cannot judge what course to pursue without some knowledge of character, *withhold relief from all unknown persons.*

2. When persons, residing in your district apply for aid, or are represented as needing it, it is your duty to visit them without delay, personally to enquire into their circumstances and wants, and to endeavor to learn the causes of their destitution and suffering. When it is clearly seen to have been unavoidable, resulting from sickness, or adverse providences, alms may indeed be needed, but yield not to the impulse to bestow these too freely. Give with delicacy and caution, accompanying your gifts with what such persons need more than alms, christian sympathy and counsel, so presented that the recipients may, as the case of each may demand, be induced to cherish habitually the spirit of resigned and patient endurance, or of cheerful hopeful effort. Be careful so to impart relief to them as not to diminish self-respect or their preference for self-dependence, and not to weaken the power of principle, or the *habit* of self-reliance.

When the destitution of any who apply for aid can be traced to improvidence, intemperance, or to any moral causes within their control, endeavor by all appropriate means to convince them of the folly and criminality of their course, and induce them to abandon it, and make diligent efforts to secure an honest independence. It is the misfortune of many of the poor that they *do not know how* to be provident or saving. Seek to aid such by your advice. Urge them to lay up a portion of the summer's earnings for the winter's necessities. How to meet the cases of poverty that result directly from intemperance will doubtless perplex you. As a general rule, *alms should not be given to the drunkard unless absolutely needed to sustain life*—nor should *they be given to his family except in cases of urgent necessity*—lest we aid in perpetuating an evil we desire to remedy. Endeavor by every possible means to save the ine-

briate from ruin, and his family from becoming the victims of his evil example and vicious habits.

4. To the last class above alluded to, viz., professional mendicants we trust "a wide and effectual door" will soon be opened in a new Work House; and in reference to all who are able but unwilling to work, we feel justified in adopting the scriptural rule—"This we command you, that if any will not work neither should he eat." Such persons cannot be considered as coming within the scope of our charity, until they enter seriously upon the work of reformation.

5. When persons who apply for assistance are known to have relations able to relieve them, the case should immediately be made known to them, and *if possible*, the aid required be obtained from those bound to the sufferer by the ties of kindred—as we would not be instrumental in weakening the power of such claims.

6. When persons not residing within the limits of your district apply to you for aid, refer them to the Visitor of the district where they belong. In case of the removal of families of applicants into your district, from other parts of the city, seek to obtain from the Visitors of the district where they were located, such knowledge as may aid you in discharging your duty to them—carefully avoiding any allusions to persons from whom you have obtained any unfavorable information.

7. You will be expected to visit your district *once a month*, if you find persons residing within it who deserve and need the aid and guardianship of this Association, and to present at the monthly meetings of the Board a written report according to the prescribed form, and a record of such facts as may be of special interest as an encouragement to our efforts, or suggesting improvements in the plan of operation.

8. In your visits to the poor, bear in mind the various departments of benevolent effort contemplated by the Association, that you may be enabled to render it more extensively

and efficiently a means of good. Should you find persons needing a home who are described by the articles regulating the reception of Inmates to the Home, it will be your duty to present their cases to the Executive Committee or the Board. When girls are found seeking employment, their names and residences should be registered at the Home ; and, as far as possible, all who need and desire to obtain employment, as a means of self-support, should be aided in procuring it. Parents should be urged to send their children regularly to our public day and Sabbath Schools ; and the female children of the poor should be gathered into our sewing schools every Saturday, where they may be taught the use of the needle, and receive incidentally lessons of truth and duty, that may be the means of enduring good.

9. Avoid in your intercourse with the poor, all manifestations of a harsh, censorious or obtrusive spirit, but seek to gain their confidence by exhibiting a heart-felt interest in their welfare. Inculcate lessons of temperance, industry, neatness and frugality, the absolute necessity of employment, the advantages of education, the claims of morality and religion, and strongly enforce the duty of strictly observing the Sabbath and attending public worship. Especially should the sick, the infirm, the aged, the widow, and fatherless or motherless children awaken your compassionate efforts to relieve and benefit them.

10. When you have availed yourself of every means in your power to obtain such knowledge of the character of an applicant, as shall enable you to act judiciously in imparting relief, if you find you have been deceived, report the case to the Board, and cause the name to be registered at the Home for the benefit of others. Although to aid the poor *indiscriminately*, or to countenance those who divide the year between vagrancy and the alms-house is not the design of this Association, yet upon you as a visitor such may have a claim for admonition and advice or encouragement to change their habits of life. Steel not your heart against a fellow being

depraved or abandoned though he may be, without making an effort for his recovery. If you are faithful and hopeful you may be the instrument of his salvation. *Never trust to benevolent impulses* to sustain your interest in this cause. You will need the stamina of principle that will not yield to discouragement from difficulties, that will not be deterred from duty by ingratitude, perverseness, or insolence, that will not shrink from fatigue or exposure, if you may but enlighten the ignorant, comfort the comfortless, guide the feet that have wandered back to duty, point out an asylum to the homeless, and save some precious child from an inheritance of shame and woe.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HOME.

1st. Adult females of good moral character, destitute of funds, friends or home, shall be received into the Institution by order of any two of the Managers, until their cases can be examined, after which if approved as worthy applicants, they shall be boarded and employed until suitable places can be found for them, with the understanding that in all cases they shall be strictly conformed to the rules of the House; and accept cheerfully such situations or service places as may be deemed suitable, and endeavor to acquit themselves creditably.

2d. All inmates of the Institution shall be expected, after putting their own clothes in order to appropriate a suitable portion of their time to manual labor while they remain, and to be under the control and direction of the Matron. They must at no time leave the House without her permission until regularly dismissed. They will be expected to rise and retire at the hour specified; keep their rooms well arranged, be neat and tidy in dress and person, industrious during working

hours, and to listen attentively to such advice as may be given them by Managers, Visitors, or Matron. They will also be expected here and elsewhere, to endeavor to learn, and to perform faithfully the duties belonging to their several spheres in life, that they may become a blessing to themselves and others.

3d. Friendless or destitute girls over the age of ten years, either orphans, half orphans, or abandoned by both parents, may be received and provided for until permanent homes can be secured for them in good families by adoption, or otherwise. Infirm or feeble persons may be admitted, but none sick of violent or contagious diseases.

4th. The Matron shall conduct family worship, have a blessing asked at table, preserve order and silence, and require the young girls present to repeat a text of Scripture previously learned. Adults will be invited to join in the exercise.

5th. The Matron shall have charge of all groceries and provisions; keep all articles under lock and key, giving out the proper quantities to be used, keep a regular account of the monies expended by her, and exhibit the same at the regular meetings of the Board, and at those of the Executive Committee when requested.

6th. She shall have the supervision of the House, see that the family have their meals at proper hours, well cooked and decently served, and that the domestic work of the Institution is all done seasonably and in a proper manner.

7th. She shall observe the strictest economy in preparing the food of the family, and particularly in saving fuel. There shall be a bill of fare approved by the Board, subject to occasional alterations at the discretion of the Matron.

8th. The hours of rising shall be five o'clock A. M. in summer, and six o'clock in winter. The hour for retiring shall be ten o'clock P. M. in summer, and nine o'clock in winter. The young girls shall retire at the discretion of the Matron, who shall pass through the dormitories after the hour for retiring

and see that the lights are extinguished, and the lamps removed.

9th. No visitor shall be admitted on the Sabbath except by permission of the Board.

10th. A committee of two or more shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to visit the Home as often as practicable, see that the rules are properly observed, advise, caution, encourage and suggest improvements when necessary.

11th. The discipline of the Institution shall be strictly parental in character. Unquestioning obedience shall be required of the younger members; cheerful compliance of all the family with the established rules, so that the order and decorum of a well regulated christian household shall be carefully maintained.

12th Applicants for admission should in all cases be able to furnish satisfactory reference. Application to be made at the Home.

13th. The Matron will be expected to take the names and residences of persons applying at the Home for domestics, and of those seeking situations, and also to take the supervision of all articles deposited at the Home for the relief of the poor, giving them out only on receiving an order from the Visitor of the district where the person to be benefitted resides, or when Visitors or Managers may personally apply for the relief of others. Orders in all cases to be preserved, and a record kept of the articles given out, their estimated value, and the name of the recipient.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICE.—After the 1st of October, the Intelligence Department will be re-commenced with the opening of the new Home, No. 144 South Salina St.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE HOME ASSOCIATION.

PASSED 1853.

The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:—

SEC. 1. Mary A. Maltbie, Almira Hebbard, Lydia Wallace, Charlotte B. Dillaye, Sarah M. Pratt, Agnes Dana, Ursula Fitch, Jennette Hudson, Emily M. Seymour, Harriet A. Dunlap, Sally Ann Noxon, Clara White, Charlotte Granger, Catharine Post, Mary Pierson, Cynthia VanLoon, Olivia M. Pinney, Mary A. Ashby, Isabella Woodward, Elizabeth Phillips, Jemimaette Farmer, Wilhelmina Wilkinson, Caroline C. Wynkoop, Catharine Graves, Ednah S. Newell, Charlotte E. Alvord, Harriet Bennett, Harriet Mathews, Sarah White, Adeline Stevens, Mary E. Pope, Miranda Cator, and all such persons as are now members of the "Syracuse Home Association," and all who shall become members of the corporation hereby created, shall be, and they are, constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Syracuse Home Association," whose object and business it shall be to establish a Home for the protection and relief of virtuous, destitute and unprotected females, and for such destitute and unprotected as may not be included within the provisions of the Onondaga Orphan Asylum, and to prosecute their efforts for the *relief* of the *poor* of the city, and to secure their physical, social, mental and moral improvement in the manner proposed by the Constitution, adopting such measures for the employment and instruction of the inmates of the Home and other objects of their charity as shall be competent to the Association.

SEC. 2. The said Corporation may receive, take and hold by purchase, gift or devise, any real or personal estate for the purposes contemplated by this act, provided however that the annual income shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. There shall be a Board of not less than twenty-one female Managers, selected from various religious denominations of the city to conduct the business of the Association in the manner prescribed by its Constitution and By-Laws as the same now exist, or as they shall be adopted or altered by the corporate body here constituted, the same to be in accordance with the laws of this state, and the Managers shall be elected as the aforesaid Constitution directs.

The Ladies whose names are prefixed to section first shall constitute the first Board under the Charter and shall continue to act until the annual meeting.

SEC. 4. The Board of Managers shall have power to appoint such agents, matron, teachers or domestics, as shall be necessary and to make all needful and proper regulations for their specific duties, and for those of all the inmates of the Home, prescribing for the children and youth committed to their care a course of instruction and management to the same extent and with the same rights as exist in the case of natural guardians.

SEC. 5. When any child shall be surrendered to the charge and direction of said Corporation by an instrument of writing signed by a parent or guardian of such child, by a Superintendent of the Poor of the County of Onondaga, or by an Overseer of the Poor, or Mayor of the city of Syracuse, or by a Surrogate of the County of Onondaga, the said Board of Managers may at their discretion, place such child by adoption or at service in some suitable employment, with some proper person or persons conformably to the laws of this State regulating the binding out of indigent children, provided that in all such cases the terms of indenture be approved by such Superintendent, Overseer, Mayor or Surrogate; which approval shall be signified on the terms of indenture by the signature of either of the aforesaid parties.

SEC. 6. In case of the death or legal incapacity of a father, or his imprisonment for crime, or of his abandoning or neglecting to provide for his family, the mother shall be deemed the legal guardian of her children for the purpose of making such surrender of them as aforesaid. But in case the mother be also dead or legally incapable of acting, or imprisoned for crime, or shall have abandoned or neglected to provide for her children, or when in case of any child it cannot be ascertained on diligent inquiry that there is within the State any parent or person legally authorized to act in the premises, the said Superintendent, Mayor or Surrogate shall be ex-officio guardian for the same purpose and such guardianship shall extend to children who have been received at said "Home" and to all such children as may be offered for admission or hereafter received therein.

SEC. 7. There shall be a Board of Counsellors consisting of thirteen male members whose duty it shall be to advise the Board of Managers from time to time in regard to the interests of the Association. Of these, five shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No purchase, sale, lease or mortgage of real estate shall be made or taken by said corporation without the approval of a majority of the Board of Counsellors, duly certified by the Secretary of the same.

SEC. 8. Hiram Putnam, E. B. Wicks, Horace White, T. B. Fitch, C. T. Longstreet, Russell Hebbard, Charles Pope, Thomas G. Alvord, Daniel Pratt, Arnold Woodward, James M. Taylor, N. F. Graves, Hamilton White, shall compose the first Board of Counsellors, and shall act until the next Annual meeting of said Association or corporate body, or until their successors shall be elected. The Counsellors shall be elected at each Annual meeting of the Association, or in such manner as the Constitution shall hereafter provide. Conveyances of real estate shall be executed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Counsellors.

SEC. 9. The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act.

SEC. 10. This Act to take effect immediately.

RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Due preparations thus having been made for effective operation, the practical work of the Association commenced, and the following summary of what it had accomplished during the first four months in connection with the Constitution was published in our daily papers in the latter part of September, 1852.

The Constitution of this Association requiring only an Annual Report, we will first state several considerations that have induced the Board to make this early communication to the public. The *desire* expressed by some who have generously contributed to the funds and manifested in various ways an interest in the objects of the Association; the *doubt* expressed by others who not only admit but *deeply feel* the need of some new mode of benevolent action as to the success of this, and the *ignorance* avowed by others respecting its design and mode of operation, have led to the adoption of this course.

To meet a practical emergency which individuals had vainly attempted to meet, this organization aiming to consolidate and systematize private charity, was formed. It was not because public bounty and private beneficence had not *given enough*, that every case of suffering from *unavoidable* poverty was not relieved. Many a single handed effort was made to stay the tide of wretchedness; but it still swept on in an ever widening and deepening channel. Mutual counsel as prior to concerted judicious action was necessary to prevent the benevolent from interfering with each other's plans and to secure as a result of their personal knowledge of the character, condition and wants of the various objects of charity its wider and more equitable appropriation.

The Constitution adopted by this Association explains sufficiently the manner in which this end is thought attainable. The experiment already made has proved the practicability of the plan; what it *may* accomplish when its provisions are fully

carried out remains to be seen. The little seed placed in the most favorable soil requires *time* to germinate, shoot upward, and bear fruit; and the same law of development obtains in the fields of human enterprise. In a *new* sphere of labor there is much to *learn* from experience, and much to do as preliminary to success. Winter had come upon us with unwonted vigor when our Association was formed; and this fact, while it increased the necessity of benevolent action, rendered more difficult its prompt performance. The city was divided into forty-three districts, and the visitors appointed to investigate the wants of the poor within their respective limits. A few of these districts were so remote, the snow often so deep, and the cold so intense that no ladies were found willing to be responsible for their regular visitation. When applicants came from these districts, or from others where the visitors had been unable to perform their duties, some of the Managers visited such persons, and after due investigation granted needful aid. To illustrate the need of this mission, we will quote briefly from the Visitors' Reports:

"I found," says one, "in a small room not ten feet square, two widows living with four children each, in all ten persons, without any bed or bed covering excepting an old quilt, while a bedstead with some boards upon it, and an old lounge were their only conveniences to sleep upon. These families seemed to be worthy. I found," says the same visitor, "living in a small room on —— street, an old colored woman, sick and perfectly destitute. Her two daughters and a grand-child are living with her. They have not an article of furniture save an old chair and a part of a table—no bed, but as a substitute a pile of rags thrown on the floor." "We found," says a visitor from another section, "a widower with four children very needy. The eldest, a girl of eleven years, was housekeeper and maid of all work, and nurse, her mother having left an infant now about a year old." Several visitors reported families without beds or bedding, excepting a heap of rags, straw or shavings on the floor; some without fuel or even a stove. This

is a sample of many facts which might be stated to show that there was suffering from poverty perhaps unprecedented, owing to the unwonted continuance and severity of the cold season. Could employment have been given with moderate compensation, much of that suffering would have been forestalled, and with it dependence upon public or private charity. To meet the demands for clothing and bedding, created by the discovery of such destitution, many ladies met at the "Home" one afternoon each week to cut and make such articles. On the morning of the same day the Committee of Distribution were there to receive the application of persons authorized by the visitors to come for aid. To those who could make them articles were given unmade. More than one hundred dollars worth of new goods have been sent to the Depository, besides much second-hand clothing, boots, shoes, etc. By orders received from gentlemen in this city we were able to furnish flour and groceries in a few instances, which were greatly needed.

We gratefully acknowledge our obligations for these as well as for various articles of furniture, bedding and provisions for the use of the "Home," and we confess to a still warmer glow of gratitude as we recall the benefactions in the shape of stores and a liberal supply of fuel for the present year.

Facts respecting the amount of pauperism elicited within a few months, deepen our conviction of the importance of this voluntary guardianship of the poor. The cases are numerous in which *condition* can only be improved by improving character, where moral and economical instruction must be blended with physical relief. The Association aims to do *more* than to see that none shall perish from hunger or cold. Its conservative principles have an eye to the future; and contemplating the mental and moral condition of the real objects of commiseration, seeks by elevating them in these respects greatly to improve their physical condition. The want of profitable occupation during the entire year for all who are able to work is an evil whose name is "Legion," which together with the inadequate provision for paupers at the County House, and the dif-

difficulty of detaining vagrants there renders it impossible for the Association effectually to check mendicity. When the busy hum of industry shall issue from extensive factories in our midst; when every able-bodied applicant for alms may be referred to our Workhouse for a supply of his necessities; and when this Association shall be able to furnish employment at the "Home" for every houseless one coming within the range of its provisions, then and not till then, will vagrancy cease in our city.

The summary of reports appended will give the result of our efforts as far as can be numerically stated. Were it possible to compute in dollars and cents the real value of benevolent efforts to those who make them as well as to the objects of them, or to ascertain the extent of their influence by mathematical admeasurement, such stock would never fall below par. But this cannot be done until we can take the gauge or dimensions of human happiness or misery, or ascertain by chemical analysis the precise nature and ingredients in life's mingled cup.

That this enterprise has been instrumental in relieving much distress—that it has comforted the aged, the infirm, the feeble—cheered the desponding, strengthened the irresolute, and relumined the spark of hope that was dying out in the heart of sorrow, we know. That it has led many children into our Sabbath and day schools, turned the feet of wanderers into the sanctuary, provided homes for many poor and homeless strangers, and furnished a temporary asylum where they found not only food and shelter but needed counsel, and also aid to employment, and where some who were sick have been cared for with the watchful solicitude and untiring energy of our kind and devoted Matron, we also know. But did we know only this, that a young mother—a poor wanderer from filial duty and from virtue, after straying long and far away, eating the "Apples of Sodom" till her soul was filled with bitterness, finding herself and her helpless child cast upon the world, was directed to the "Home," and (though not received as an inmate)

aided, and through our instrumentality returned in humility and penitence to her bereaved and agonized father to receive his forgiveness and again enjoy his protection, his counsel and his love, we should have cause to bless God that our efforts have not been in vain.

MRS. E. D. MALTBIE, Pres't.

MRS. S. D. DILLAYE, Sec'y.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS.

The report of Mrs. D. Pratt, Treasurer, shows that the cash receipts from December 23d, 1851, to April 20th. 1852, were

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| | \$441 25 |
| Expenditures during the same time, | 195 35 |
| Balance in Treasury, | \$245 90 |

Mrs. H. A. Dunlap, Clerk of Depository, reports valuable donations of new goods,

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| | \$106 25 |
| Value of goods purchased by the Society, | 66 21 |
| Value of articles given to the poor, | 225 19 |

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| Number of articles | 500 |
| “ “ “ made by Society, | 262 |
| “ “ “ remaining in De- pository, | 90 |
| Number of articles in use at the Home not appraised, | 70 |

Mrs. M. A. Reynolds, Matron, reports that there have been received as inmates at the Home

Situations have been found for

21 persons.
17 “

From some inmates nothing was expected but their services while at the “Home.” Some were unable to work.

Now due from the county and from other sources for the board of inmates,

\$34 37

TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

There is an Intelligence Office at the "Home," which aims to furnish good domestics with places, the fees of which aid in supporting the Institution. If any families changing houses, buying new furniture, or breaking up house-keeping, have any thing to spare that can be *used, worn or eaten*, we trust that they will remember that it will be gratefully received at the "Home," first door south of First Presbyterian Church on South Salina street.

The first house occupied by the Association was the West house in the Raynor block on West Water Street. They were soon obliged to remove from it, and leased the house mentioned in the foregoing notice for one year.

REPORT OF SEPTEMBER MEETING.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Home Association, September 14, 1852, it was resolved to attempt the formation of Auxiliary Societies in the principal villages and farming towns in the county. A committee was appointed to prepare a Circular, containing the Constitution of said Association, and a brief view of its design and operations since its formation—a period of little more than eight months—which should serve as a pioneer to this effort, and constitute the basis of an appeal in behalf of this charity to the benevolent throughout our city and county.

The proposed Circular embodied extracts from two of the foregoing reports and the Constitution, with the following:

In the last Report, Mrs. Reynolds, the Matron, says: "In June our family numbered fourteen. It has since been gradually diminishing, and now we count but seven. Among these were three young girls. Two of them were twelve years of

age, the other fourteen. All were more than orphans. Of the first two, one has been adopted into a pious family to be reared as their own—the other is also in a pious family who have taken her to keep until she is of age. She seems capable of appreciating their kindness, and is contented and happy. The mother of the third is dead. She was rescued from her brutal step-father by police officers, who brought her here. She is now in a good family, where, if she *will*, she may be fitted for usefulness.

Fifty-five girls have been furnished with situations from here—one who has shared your favors is an aged widow who came from Canada in search of an only son, who, as we learn from his employer, was a very intelligent and pious young man. She had expended all her means before she reached us, and after diligently searching four days without avail, sufficient money was donated to take her back to Canada."

To the Ladies of the "Home Association" the Committee beg leave to say :

"Spared as we have been by a gracious Providence, through a season which has by fatal disease or accident, brought sorrow, anguish and death to many hearts and homes, we are again called to deliberate upon the interests of this institution. Let us review our personal and relative mercies, our distinguished social and religious privileges, and inquire if these involve not corresponding obligations. And since He who claims all the gratitude of our hearts has said, "Ye have the poor ever with you, and whenever ye will, ye can do them good," and will at length graciously say on

"That day for which all other days were made,"

"Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me;" let us be eager to return our gratitude through the prescribed channel, the relief of suffering, the elevation of degraded humanity. We may be benevolent, but we must be more, to meet the claims of the great law of love. Beneficence is the fulfillment of this law. It is the animating

spirit within, which not only causes the heart to feel, and the eye to weep for human distress, but stretches out the hand to relieve, and impels the willing feet on errands of mercy.

"Wherever a tear is dried, a single pang
Of honest suffering soothed, or injury
Forgiven, or virtue's feeble embers fanned,"

there the products of the fruit-bearing tree, beneficence are seen. Shall we be discouraged in our mission to the poor because many are ungrateful and undeserving? What if our Lord should treat us thus? Shall we feel less compassion when ignorant and thriftless parents, and untrained children seek our aid, because they are foreigners? Who said, "I was a stranger and ye took me in, naked and ye clothed me." Such applicants may not suit our taste—it may be difficult to do them good—it may involve fatigue and personal sacrifice, but it is not to gratify our own taste or love of ease that we are thus associated. The question before us is not simply, "How shall we obtain the means of relieving the present and prospective suffering of the poor of our city?" but "How may we do them the most good? How shall they be enabled to help themselves?" Let us as individuals ponder this question seriously and prayerfully, before the rigor of winter and the cry of untold suffering forces it upon us. Then we shall be prepared to confer wisely, and to devise, adopt, and perseveringly execute measures that will be effectual in diminishing idleness, destitution, misery and crime. Let none forget the meeting at the "Home," the second Tuesday of October.

The Committee would also make a few practical suggestions and propose some inquiries, to all to whom this little messenger may come on its errand of mercy. There is nothing in the wide range of articles that can promote the comfort of a family, that would not be gratefully received and faithfully applied to those who require aid from this Association, either at the "Home," or in their own dwellings. Furniture, stoves, kitchen utensils, second hand clothing, now lying useless in many a closet and garret, might be again brought into active

service, and add their quota to the sum of human comfort. Is there a thrifty housekeeper who has nought to give? Is there a prosperous tradesman or mechanic who cannot aid this enterprise? Is there a farmer who has no vegetables or apples, beef or pork—or whose wife has no eggs, butter, cheese, pickles, lard, soap, beds or bedding to give to this object? Is there a professional man, or a “retired gentleman of leisure,” who cannot give that which is the representative and procurer of all material comforts? Are we too sanguine in anticipating the hearty response, “Freely we have received—we will freely give,” a response that shall be visible in an increased subscription and donation list, in the formation of many Auxiliary Societies, and tangible in a well stored cellar and larder, and an overflowing Depository?

A few more words, and we have done. Are there not families scattered through the County, who can furnish employment and the blessing of home to some poor child of penury, without a single sacrifice? Are there no stricken parents sorrowing over the grave of buried hopes—in whose silent homes and aching hearts there is room for some forsaken or neglected one? Let them hasten to shed the light of energy and of joy upon the dark night of ignorance and despondency which enshrouds others—and sunbeams shall again win their way into their own souls. Oh, who would not seek to gather diamonds from the filth and scum of pauperism, and polish them for the Redeemer’s crown?

MARY A. MALTBIE, Pres’t. }
 CHARLOTTE B. DILLAYE, Sec’y. } Com.

Syracuse, Sept. 17, 1852.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The first Annual Meeting of this Association was held April 12, 1853, at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church. By invitation, Hon. Daniel Pratt presided. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Dillaye, Mrs. E. M. Seymour was appointed Secretary pro tem. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Ashley. The report of the Board of Managers, Treasurer, Clerk of Depository were severally read and accepted.

The Association were cheered and encouraged by remarks from Rev. Messrs. Maltbie, Pinney and Ashley. Thanks by vote, were tendered the President of the Association for the Managers' Report which she had prepared, and to the Treasurer, Clerk of Depository and Matron, also to the Rev. gentlemen who had addressed the meeting. A resolution was proposed and adopted that the Reports there presented should be published in the city papers. The exercises were closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Pinney.

THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SYRACUSE HOME ASSOCIATION.

Benevolent impulses simultaneously awakened in many hearts, united them in the Home Association, which was organized December 23d, 1851. The two-fold object of this enterprise, and the articles of the constitution adopted having been spread before the public, together with an account of its operations during the first quarter of 1852. We commenced the current year last April, but with a view to convenience, and to meet the wishes of friends, the reports of the Treasurer, Clerk of Depository, and Matron, extend over a term of more than fifteen months—dating from the time of the organization of the Association.

Being obliged to remove from the house first rented by the Association, we took possession of one on Salina street, with a lease for one year; renewing our engagement with Mrs. Reynolds, our efficient Matron, for the same period. The Home, by the liberality of its friends, had been furnished almost entirely with second-hand articles essential to every domestic establishment. Fuel has been liberally given—also provisions, soap, candles, and other articles of value, all of which have been thankfully received. There is substantial and cheering evidence that the friends of benevolence in other towns of the county, are not uninterested in our effort. The Depository has received large contributions from Tully, Pompey and La Fayette. Friends of the cause in Britton Settlement and Cicero, after preparing a valuable contribution of clothing, brought their free will offering, with various gifts for the cellar and larder, and met by appointment such members of the Association as could be at the Home to welcome, and enjoy with them the interchange of kindly feeling. *Individuals* from Manlius, Onondaga and Liverpool, have also sent tokens of good will; and from friends out of the county, useful articles have been received. It affords us great pleasure to state that the germ of benevolence is being developed in some youthful hearts, both in town and county, in proof of which we adduce the fact that at least twenty garments were bestowed by the pupils of a school in this city, and three bedquilts were made in the country by small hands obedient to the promptings of expanded hearts. It will, however, be apparent from the Treasurer's Report, that in prosecuting its objects, the Association have mainly relied upon donations and subscriptions made on the 1st of January, 1852 and '53, together with sums paid at other times, by annual subscribers. Whether we have been judicious almoners of these charities, the public will be able to judge by a careful attention to the reports to be presented. That of the Matron will show that her office is no sinecure. Those enjoying the privileges of the family, have aided in performing its labor. Two of the permanent inmates, although so feeble

as to require much care and attention from the Matron, have been able to assist her essentially in maintaining order and economy in the domestic arrangements. Sickness with its train, anxious watchings, has been no stranger at the Home. The inmates have been persons from different countries, of various ages, characters, views and habits. Some have been characterized by neatness, industry and intelligent piety; others by ignorance, carelessness and indolence. Of the children brought there, several have been rescued from brutality, or cast upon the "tender mercies" of the world by parents who had *earned* a home in the Penitentiary. The condition of these neglected ones never vainly appealed to the eye and heart of the Matron; and she has wrought wonderful transformations by a faithful application of soap and water, comb and scissors, with the substitution of whole and tidy garments for filthy rags. The heaving bosom and the face in which were blended smiles and tears, have spoken of relief and gratitude.

That much wisdom, firmness, patience and Christian self-denial are required to maintain with elements so various, the harmony of a well ordered family, will be admitted. This we believe has been done. The INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT, taxes largely the time of the Matron, and often her energies, in endeavoring to secure service-places suited to individual applicants. Upon this important feature of our plan, we may not now dwell, but trust it will become more and more an instrumentality of good to employers and those employed, and also a source of revenue; although we do not exact a fee unless the applicant is fully able to pay it. Much more has been done in procuring situations and work for the poor, than can be shown by our statistics; but as done by individual members, has been a direct result of our associated effort. Though the last winter was much milder than the preceding one, the report of the Clerk of Depository will show that many have applied for aid. Of these, not a few have been sent empty away from a conviction that they did not *need*, or did not deserve the charity they sought. Some who have been both

needy and deserving, have been sought out and aided. If the *written* reports of the visitors corresponded in number, fullness, or interest to the verbal relations made at our stated meetings, our chief difficulty would now be that of selection from multiplied cases of painful interest. But owing to a negligence we cannot excuse, while conscious it must diminish the value of our report, we can only state bare facts divested of the interest imparted by the speaking face and glistening eye of the witness and narrator of the scenes of suffering.

We might multiply statements of interest respecting the two hundred and fifty families visited and aided; but enough has been said to illustrate the nature and some of the results of the visitorial system. The association has bridged the amazing chasm which separates the extremes of society by the tri-colored arch of Faith, Hope and Charity. Those who have crossed the bridge have learned lessons in the abodes of penury, beside the maniac's couch, and at the pauper's death bed that cannot be forgotten amid the comforts and enjoyments of home. Home! There is a depth of meaning in this word; and the bosom in which its utterance awakens no throb of gratitude for its possession, or regret for its loss, is alien to humanity. It is not a mere adjunct of our earthly happiness—it is its natural source and centre, however wide may be the sweep of its circumference. We spoke of lessons that had been learned; rather should we say re-impressed; lessons of gratitude and of individual responsibility, in contrasting our privileges with the fearful disadvantages under which thousands possibly within reach of our influence, are passing through this brief probation to a state where the lineaments of moral character here received will be indelible, and seal their destiny for weal or woe. The familiar thought that the present generation will be the mould of the future, exerts too little influence in every department of human action. Great evils, political, social, and moral, are acknowledged to exist which the let-alone policy can only perpetuate. The favorite maxim that the demand will create the supply needs to be modified, to be

strictly true. The demand does not find the supply without some active medium, else there would be in this land of light no minds enshrouded in ignorance, no brawny muscles and iron sinews unemployed, no female hands unskilled in the various occupations suited to them. Childhood's flexile fingers would learn to ply the needle, and be early skilled in labor ensuring self support. Its opening mind would drink in knowledge that would impart mental and moral elevation to the unformed character, and a new generation would arise to bless the world.

Friends of the Poor! will you aid us in teaching these minds to think, in giving these untrained fingers skill, in imparting lessons of cleanliness and sobriety, of industry, economy, true morality and self support even to the thriftless and degraded, and in establishing a Home for the virtuous homeless ones who need it. Having, through the kind and efficient efforts of D. P. Wood, Esq., member of Assembly from this county, obtained from the Legislature an act of incorporation, and now enjoying the advantages derived from the advice and co-operation of a judicious, enlightened and liberal Board of Counsellors, the Association have resolved on an immediate and earnest appeal to the public for the means of obtaining an eligible and permanent location, and a building adapted to the prospective wants of an Institution on whose broad foundation we hope may arise charities that shall honor God and bless humanity. Patrons of the Association, we thank you for any aid you have given in whatever form bestowed—for monetary aid, from the liberal check to the intelligence fee, for medical services or those of the press gratuitously rendered, for provisions, or fuel, cloth, or clothing—yes, even for a word or smile of encouragement, we are deeply grateful. But candor compels us to say our gratitude has also a secondary meaning, which is defined by a French writer, "a keen sense of favors to come." And allow us while disclaiming the idea of human merit, here to quote a beautiful thought from Mahomet, in which there is certainly some truth. "A man's true wealth

hereafter, consists in the good he has done to his fellow men. When he dies, people will say, 'What property has he left behind him?' but the angels who look into his grave will ask, 'What good deeds hast thou sent before thee?'

Members of the Home Association, on the verge of a new year of our associated labor, let us gather up for future use, the varied lessons of our brief experience. Are we prepared to meet our responsibilities as connected with this Association, that this instrumentality may, with divine favor, be cherished into vigorous life? The evils which first arrested our attention and enlisted our compassion are multiplying in a ratio, bearing a fearful disproportion to any measures yet adopted for their remedy; and it rests with us to decide whether we will go forward cheerfully and trustingly, and do what we can to diminish the sum total of human wretchedness. Munificence alone will not ensure success. Let us seek enlarged and truthful views of our duty in this matter, and act in accordance with them. We cannot be whole hearted in an enterprise unless sustained and urged forward by a deep conviction of its importance, and of its adaptedness to secure the proposed end. We should not forget that we have individually much to do in settling the point whether our enterprise shall prove an unfailing source of good to the children of misfortune and want. To realize our hopes—to meet their necessities, it must awaken every benevolent impulse in our souls, and make us more like Him who "pleased not himself," but "went about doing good." We must aim to enlighten and elevate those whose present necessities we would relieve; nor rest until some adequate provision is made to furnish employment for the idle, and instruction for the ignorant; and until our community are led to believe that every hundred dollars spent in giving productive employment and useful education to the poor will, by prevention, save thousands that would otherwise be spent in providing for pauperism and in punishing crime. What is our resolution? Contact with the poor may be distasteful to us—may shock our sensibility, our pride, or our

piety, but remembering Him who condescended to become poor that we might be eternally enriched—will we not resolve, in reliance upon His grace and wisdom, to go forward and write our names by deeds of kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of all who claim and deserve such service at our hands? From the loose and heterogeneous particles that compose the unsafe and unsightly base of the social pyramid—the needle shaft of pride and luxury might indeed shoot upward, yet only to attract the lightning stroke. But let industrial, educational and moral means, turn to granite that heaving base, and the structure becoming consolidated, will rise in fair and beautiful proportions; cemented by christian brotherhood, each integral part feeling the power of a heavenward attraction until sanctified humanity shall find that there is indeed “room higher up,” even in the “many mansions” of our “Father’s house.”

TREASURER'S REPORT.

“SYRACUSE HOME ASSOCIATION” IN ACCOUNT WITH SARAH MARIA PRATT,

TREASURER.

| 1852—3. | | Cr. |
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| By amount received from annual subscriptions and donations,..... | | \$883,75 |
| “ “ County and Town Orders,..... | | 178,38 |
| “ “ Board paid by Inmates,..... | | 40,02 |
| “ “ Intelligence Fees,..... | | 17,10 |
| “ “ Sewing Circle,..... | | 5,50 |
| “ “ City Missionary Society..... | | 21,00 |
| “ “ Interest on Deposit..... | | 12,90 |
| Sum total of receipts for 15½ months..... | | \$1158,65 |
| | | Dr. |
| To cash paid for rent..... | | \$232,31 |
| “ “ Salary of Matron..... | | 250,00 |
| “ “ for the expenses of the Home and Depository..... | | 374,81 |
| | | \$857,12 |
| Balance in Treasury..... | | 301,53 |

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF DEPOSITORY.

From January 1st, 1852, to April 12th, 1853.

Number of articles given to the Poor.....1976

“ “ now in Depository.....122

Value of articles given\$808,59

Number of families aided is 250, of whom 4 are Scotch, 4 French, 6 English,
6 colored, 1 Spanish, 24 Americans, 25 Germans, 180 Irish.

From auxiliary Societies, or from friends out of the city, the Donations are
as follows :

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| Amount of donations from La Fayette | \$10,62 |
| “ “ “ Cicero..... | 12,50 |
| “ “ “ Pompey..... | 34,23 |
| “ “ “ Collamer | 12,00 |
| “ “ “ Liverpool | 5,00 |
| “ “ “ Tully | 52,42 |
| “ Two ladies out of the County..... | 30,33 |
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| | \$157,11 |

ADELINE STEVENS, Clerk.

MATRON'S REPORT.

Inmates received from January, 1852, to April 12th, 1853:

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| Number of aged women.... | 4 |
| “ Widows | 4 |
| “ Children | 29 |
| “ Invalids | 14 |
| Who have paid in whole or part their own board | 18 |
| Whose board has been paid by Town or County..... | 25 |
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| Whole number received..... | 86 |
| “ dismissed..... | 81 |
| “ remaining | 5 |

Of these 2 were English, 5 Scotch, 26 Americans, 50 Irish.

Permanent homes have been obtained for many of the children, by adop-
tion, or otherwise.

Adults furnished with situation by means of Associations, 120.

MARY A. REYNOLDS, Matron.

It will most readily be perceived from the foregoing report that during this period—fifteen months—the Association found much to encourage them in the prosecution of their work. Their system of visitation greatly aided them in the judicious bestowal of their alms, and as the work grew in their hands, the hearts of the benevolent seemed also to expand, and to strive by their opportune gifts to meet all the necessities of the undertaking. The circular which they had scattered broadcast through the county brought forth its good fruits, and supplies of provisions, bedding and clothing, as well as monetary gifts, found their most appropriate place at the "Home," and called forth hearty thanksgiving. Having been obliged to remove twice in a year, the disastrous effects were so apparent as to induce the effort to obtain a sufficient fund for the purchase of a suitable building. A subscription paper was circulated with such success as warranted the Association in the purchase of the Larned house, 144 South Salina St.

Among the records of our Common Council at this time, is found notice of a petition laid before them during 1852, for the lease of a lot in the Court House block, for the erection of a building suitable for the use of "The Home Association." After some demurrals and delay, the following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the Board of Supervisors hereby give and grant to the "Ladies Home Association," a piece of land four rods fronting on Lodi street, and 8 rods deep to be taken from the southwest corner of a piece of land known as the Penitentiary lot and fronting on Lodi street, commencing four rods from the southwest corner of said lot, to be by them used for the purpose of erecting a building for the use of said Association, and for no other purpose whatever; said grant to continue while said land shall be so used, and no longer; and when not so used, that said land shall revert. Ayes 14; Noes, 6.

Mr. Sedgwick offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Chairman execute the grant mentioned in the foregoing resolution, by and on behalf of the Board, that it be done under the seal of the County, attested by the Clerk of this Board.

Whether its nearness to another County Institution rendered the location undesirable and induced its non-acceptance, we cannot say—the facts of the case all indicate that other localities proved more attractive and desirable.

A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SUBSCRIPTION PAPER.

Whereas, the

SYRACUSE HOME ASSOCIATION

proposes to purchase or lease grounds in the city of Syracuse and to erect, lease or purchase suitable buildings for the use of said Association, and to incur such other expenses as they may think necessary to put such grounds and buildings in order, and to preserve and perpetuate the same, and to accomplish the general purposes of said Association:

NOW, THEREFORE, we the subscribers, in consideration of such proposition, and for value received, severally agree to pay to the said "Syracuse Home Association," the sum set opposite our respective names, as follows: One-fourth down or when called on, and the balance in three equal annual payments from this date, to which payments thus to be made we severally bind ourselves, our heirs and personal representatives, provided the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS shall be hereunto subscribed in one year from this date.

Dated Syracuse, April 18th, 1853.

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| C. T. Longstreet, | T. B. Fitch, | John Wilkinson, |
| Horace White, | H. A. Dillaye, | J. E. Heron, |
| Hamilton White, | Tho's. T. Davis, | Allen Munroe, |
| Stephen Smith, | Alanson Thorpe, | C. L. Alvord, |
| E. W. Leavenworth. | A. H. Hovey, | Hiram Putnam, |

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| John D Norton, | H. H. Deavendorf, | Oliver Teall, |
| P. W. Fobes, | Israel S. Spencer, | George Barnes, |
| C. A. Wheaton, | J. G. Bigelow, | J. W. Barker, |
| B. Burton, | H. Riegel, | Charles Pope, |
| C. Tallman, | H. J. Sedgwick, | Mrs. Malcolm, |
| J. M. Taylor, | Wm. Burton & Son, | Mrs. Dorion, |
| Wm. H. Alexander, | Davis & Williams, | P. S. Stoddard, |
| Thomas G. Alvord, | W. E. Abbott, | S. P. Pierce, |
| E. B. Wicks, | John J. Peck, | O. T. Burt, |
| Geo. F. Comstock, | Lewis J. Gillett, | P. D. Lynch, |
| D. McCarthy, | Israel Hall, | Lynch & Co., |
| Hiram Tyler, | Dr. Cator, | Russell Hebbard, |
| J. F. Sabine, | Dr. E. T. Richardson, | Mitchell & Kenyon, |
| B. Davis Noxon, | P. Outwater, Jr., | H. S. Lansing, |
| John A. Robinson, | Edward B. Judson, | C. Bates, |
| Alfred Cobb, | W. W. T, | A. B. Shipman, |
| Mrs. Ruth Dickson, | H. Rhoades, | O. Vandenburg, |
| S. D. Dillaye, | Samuel Mead, | R. G. Wynkoop, |
| J. P. & I. T. Ballard, | C. C. Richardson, | J. G. Wynkoop, |
| Wm. Winton, | H. A. Allen, | Marvin, May, & Heer- |
| George Butler, | N. F. Graves, | mans. |
| C. C. Bradley, | H. Loomis, | C. P. Bradley. |
| James S. Leach, | John G. Forbes, | |

The subscription upon this paper overran eleven thousand dollars. There were other subscribers whose names were upon another paper, which with other records of our earlier history have been unfortunately lost.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

The Second Annual meeting of the Association was held April 11th, 1854, at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian church. By invitation, Capt. Hiram Putnam presided; Mrs. E. M. Seymour was appointed Secretary. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Mr. Strieby.

The Report of the Board of Managers, Treasurer, Clerk of the Depository and Matron, were severally read, accepted and adopted.

During the five months from May 1st to October 1st, the active duties of the Association, so far as respects its ministrations to the afflicted, were in a great degree suspended. The building which up to that period had been occupied was given up, and the outward existence of its charities comparatively closed. But this temporary suspension was characterized by the strongest efforts, and rewarded by the most substantial benefits. The short experience of the Association had unfolded to its members the necessity of extending the limits of its benevolence, and establishing more firmly the basis of its future good. * * * * It had but to be announced that the design in view was to lay deep the foundation of an Institution whose object was to "seek out sorrow and administer the balm of pity," to inspire the emulation and arouse the generosity of our citizens. * * * * For five months aid was asked and awarded, until with the assistance of several gentlemen more than twelve thousand dollars were subscribed for the endowment of "The Home." Thus gladdened and cheered, the Association purchased a large dwelling as the seat of their future usefulness. The price agreed upon for the premises was four thousand dollars, one-half of which was paid when possession was taken. Repairs and improvements were made which rendered the building better adapted to their purposes. Such was the rapid progress and development of the undertaking on the first of October 1853. We come now

to review that part of the past year in which the Association has been active in distributing those benefits which have flowed through its efforts, to the poor and the desolate.

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Article 10th of the By-Laws adopted June 14th, 1853, provides as follows: "To obviate as far as possible the perpetuity of evils resulting to the families of the poor, from wives and mothers untrained to habits of neatness, economy and industry, and unskilled in the use of the needle, it shall be a PROMINENT object of this Association to cause the little girls in such families to be from time to time formed into sewing classes under their supervision that they may receive instruction in this department, and be early influenced to form habits of order, industry and self-improvement." In compliance with this resolution, a number of ladies connected with the Association established three sewing schools late in the month of June. The first school was organized and held in a house on Gertrude street, then occupied as a day-school by the Misses Deane, who generously offered a room for the purpose. It commenced with twenty little girls, and the number gradually increased to forty-one. The average attendance was twenty-five scholars and four teachers, Mrs. Maltbie, Mrs. Graves.

In a little more than five months the children had completed over forty garments, and done no inconsiderable amount of patchwork with neatness and care. The interest felt by scholars was often manifest in the groups of happy faces collected around the door before the teachers appeared, anxious for admission ere the appointed hour arrived, and meeting them with a smile of welcome.

The second and third schools were held at District School Houses No. 5 and No. 7.

At No. 5 the school commenced with three teachers and sixteen scholars, and increased gradually until it numbered fifty-four. Its average attendance has been three teachers and twenty-four scholars. This district comprises Pearl street and its vicinity. The children collected were drawn from the low-

est grades of society; from social strata where degradation and ignorance reign supreme. * * *

At first, considerable insubordination was apparent, but by degrees the authority which was tempered by love and exercised with kindly interest, corrected the evil and the school became teachable, orderly and successful. Its weekly meetings were regularly continued until the last Saturday in September, when it was closed for want of teachers. In this short period improvement was rapid.

The school in No. 7 commenced with five teachers and twenty scholars. It was continued for nearly six months. Seventy-five garments were made by and distributed among the scholars during that period. The pupils in Gertrude street and No. 7 were more cleanly, less destitute, and more tractable than those in No. 5. Their progress was consequently more rapid. During the month of November, application was made to the late Board of Education for the privilege of continuing the sewing schools at the Public school houses. The request was denied, and one school in consequence suspended for a time. Subsequently the Consistory Room of the Reformed Dutch Church was kindly offered to the Association, and the last Saturday in December Gertrude street school was re-opened. Sixty-four scholars found their way into the school, a portion of the number being from District No. 5. The average attendance has been thirty pupils and six teachers. It is still continued, and affords gratifying evidence of improvement in the work, manners and the general appearance of the children. The school which was discontinued at No. 7 was removed to "The Home," and re-opened with fifty-three scholars. Although "The Home" is somewhat remote from the children who attended No. 7, distance has in no single instance kept the scholars who came there from seeking out the pleasant path opened for continued instruction. The zeal of these little girls in this novel undertaking forms one of the brightest pages upon our records.

The success of the schools has been unquestioned, and we

are gratified to say the new Board of Education has granted the privilege refused by the last.

Since the last Annual Report 145 families have been relieved as stated in the Report of the Clerk of the Depository. During the last seven months there have been admitted to "The Home" 58 persons as shown in the Matron's Report. We trust that the calumnies of those who have been unmindful of the kindness extended to them, will not prejudice the minds of any who will take the trouble to inquire into the facts, or have confidence in the Managers of our Association. As might be hoped, there are those who have manifested their gratitude by word and deed. * * * * *

The effort to establish "A Home for the Friendless" in Syracuse, has proved successful beyond the most sanguine expectations of its friends. * * * *

But Syracuse, with all its noble, warm-hearted philanthropy, has not been alone in this work of love. DeWitt, Pompey, Tully, Clay, Otisco, Fayetteville, and Salina in this county, have each bestowed their offerings, and lent their generous encouragement to the enterprise. The ladies of Pitcher, Chenango county, of Danby, Tompkins county, have with a spirit of benevolence and christian love, assisted in the good work.

The year just closed has not been without its sorrows for us, for death has taken from us two of the early friends and Managers of this Association, Mrs. Hyde, and Mrs. Phillips.

"The Home," in closing its present year, loses the services of its valued Matron, Mrs. Reynolds. Patient in doing good, kind, considerate, truthful, generous and confiding, with a judgment and experience admirably adapted to the duties she has discharged with credit to herself and the Association, the Managers part with her, grateful for her services in the past and with prayers for her happiness in the future. Her place has fortunately been supplied by Mrs. Kincaid, who comes to the duties of the station with every qualification to render "The Home" prosperous in doing good. Especial acknowledgments are due to the Hon. D. P. Wood, for his earnest

efforts in behalf of the Association, also to Drs. Stuart, Miller and Cator, for their gratuitous services to the sick, and to Mr. George L. Maynard, (Poor Master), who in the discharge of his official duties has shown most commendable fidelity. The Press of this city should also be gratefully remembered for the kind manner in which they have from time to time noticed our meetings.

A legacy has recently been left this Association, by the late Mrs. Hinsdale, of Camillus, for which we are truly grateful.

The good resulting from "orders" for flour and other groceries which have been sent in by several gentlemen, calls for our sincere thanks. These orders have met peculiar cases of distress, and have benefitted many who could not have been reached in any other way. The Managers feel the need of furnishing employment to those who are willing to work, and it is hoped that during the ensuing year some means may be devised to meet the cravings of the industrious poor. Let those who complain of police expenses, the taxes, the crowding of the almshouses, and the prisons bursting with criminals, not turn aside when asked to give to this object, but rather unite with us in shutting down a flood-gate against the stream of misery flowing through our midst. Will not the citizens of Syracuse, and our friends in the country enable us by their liberal support, to carry out our plans to their fullest extent, and lift still higher the hopes of the benevolent by the noble offerings of a still more enlarged philanthropy?

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLOTTE B. DILLAVE, Sec'y.

MATRON'S REPORT.

Inmates received during the seven months which "The Home" was open from April 1853 to April 1854.

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| No. of Widows..... | 15 |
| " Children | 19 |
| " Invalids..... | 14 |
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| | 58 |
| No. who have paid in whole or in part their own board .. | 5 |
| Whose board has been paid by Town or County..... | 11 |
| Whole No. received.... | 58 |
| " dismissed..... | 46 |
| Present number..... | 12 |

Since November 2d, there have been at no time less than ten. There has been one birth and one death in the family, and continued sickness since October. \$28.22 has been paid from the Depository for labor; 260 garments have been made in the family; 53 girls have been furnished with situations.

Signed

M. A. REYNOLDS.

The Clerk of The Depository reports having aided 145 families.

Amount of donations from Auxiliary Societies and friends from out of the city

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| Danby, Tompkins Co..... | \$ 17.60 |
| Dewitt..... | 17.59 |
| Pompey..... | 17.76 |
| Tully..... | 50.00 |
| Clay, and Salina School district No. 8..... | 3.25 |
| Otisco | 21.38 |
| Ladies of Lafayette..... | 11.25 |
| Pitcher, Chenango Co..... | 12.06 |
| Amount of donations received..... | 452.06 |
| Amount given out..... | 431.66 |
| No. of garments given out..... | 1040 |
| " " now in Depository..... | 228 |

ADELINE STEVENS, Clerk.

The Treasurer of the Syracuse Home Association respectfully reports that the receipts into Treasury since the date of the last Annual Report are as follows:

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| Balance in Treasury at last Report..... | \$ 301.53 |
| Annual subscriptions and donations..... | 325.50 |
| Intelligence fees..... | 1.82 |
| For Board..... | 18.63 |
| Interest on deposit..... | 59.39 |
| County Orders..... | 89.14 |
| Articles sold..... | 2.50 |
| Received upon subscription upon permanent fund.. | 3537.50 |
| Whole amount received..... | 4336.01 |

There has been expended as follows:

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| Matron's Salary..... | \$ 122.77 |
| Bills paid for Home Depository and Sewing Schools | 562.15 |
| Repairs on building..... | 64.38 |
| Printing..... | 35.00 |
| Payment on house and lot..... | 2000.00 |
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| | \$2784.30 |
| Leaving now in Treasury..... | \$1548.71 |
| Permanent Fund..... | \$1537.50 |
| For current expenses..... | 11.21 |

S. M. PRATT, Treasurer.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

Pursuant to notice the patrons and friends of the Home Association met at the City Hall on the evening of the 21st of June, 1855. The meeting being called to order, Hamilton White, Esq., was elected Assistant Chairman, and Stephen D. Dillaye, Esq., Assistant Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Canfield. The call for the meeting was then read and followed by the Report of the Board of Managers. After the reading of the Report, an address by the President of the Association was also read. Rev. W. W. Newell then spoke with eloquence and feeling—commending the enterprise to the warmest support and confidence of the community. Rev. S. J. May followed. He spoke briefly of the existence of the Home, and at some length of the kind of employment to which girls should devote themselves.

Mr. Poormaster Maynard was then called upon and made an interesting statement of the proportion of the poor who demand charities to the whole population. The number is about 3000 who ask aid from the public, or about one to 125 or 130 who are able to support the one needy person. From this it seems that with a proper understanding of the relative condition of these two classes, the indigent may be cared for without onerously burdening anybody. And to bring about this proper understanding, an agency like that offered by the Home Association, is the great desideratum. The plan of "The Home" once thoroughly in operation, would supply all the necessary wants of the poor of our city. The speaker at some length set forth the practical workings of "The Home," and urged the public appreciation of them. We pay taxes to support pauperism; *all contributions to "The Home" tend to prevent it.*

The report and address were then unanimously adopted. On motion of Mr. Russell Hebbard, it was resolved that the Report and Address be published by the Managers of the Association in a pamphlet form. Mr. H. also briefly commended the operations of the Association. The lateness of the hour prevented others from expressing their interest, and the meeting was adjourned.

HAMILTON WHITE, President.

STEPHEN D. DILLAYE, Sec'y.

Officers of the Association for 1855:

Mrs. Mary A. Maltbie. *President.*

Mrs. Lydia Wallace, } *Vice-Presidents.*
Mrs. Almira Hebbard, }

Mrs. Mary E. Pope, *Treasurer*

Mrs. Charlotte B. Dillaye, *Secretary.*

Mrs. Adeline Stevens, *Clerk of Depository.*

Directresses.

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| Mrs. Ursula Fitch, | Mrs. J. Dunford, |
| “ Jennette Hudson, | “ Caroline C. Wynkoop, |
| “ Sarah M. Pratt, | “ Christina Colvin, |
| “ B. C. Lathrop, | “ Harriet Walter, |
| “ S. H. Hall, | “ Jerry Stevens, |
| “ Laura Matteson, | “ Ednah S. Newell, |
| “ L. J. Aldrich, | “ Charlotte E. Alvord, |
| “ E. M. Seymour, | “ Burr Burton, |
| “ Jas. Taylor, | “ S. J. Matthews, |
| “ Mary Pierson, | “ Amanda Hurst, |
| “ Mary Ann Ashby, | “ Jemimaette Farmer, |
| “ Olivia M. Pinney, | “ Lyman Clary, |
| “ W. A. Robinson, | “ C. Leonard, |
| “ H. L. Robertson, | “ Clara White, |
| “ S. E. Maltby, | “ Sarah R. White, |
| “ Ellen D. Wheaton, | “ E. B. Wicks, |
| “ Jane Abbott, | “ S. P. Pierce, |
| “ Julia F. Foot, | “ G. H. Williams, |
| “ L. W. Pelton, | “ P. H. Benedict, |
| “ P. Shaw, | “ H. D. Hatch. |

Executive Committee.

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| Mrs. D. Y. Foote, | Mrs. Lyman Clary, |
| “ S. P. Pierce, | “ C. C. Wynkoop, |
| “ H. Wheaton, | “ S. M. Pratt, |
| “ B. C. Lathrop, | “ M. Pierson. |

Board of Counsellors.

Hiram Putnam, *President.*

C. T. Longstreet, *Vice-President.*

N. F. Graves, *Secretary.*

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| E. B. Wicks, | Russell Hebbard, |
| Horace White, | Thomas G. Alvord, |
| T. B. Fitch, | Daniel Pratt, |
| Charles Pope, | Arnold Woodward, |
| James M. Taylor, | Hamilton White. |

Daniel Pratt, }
 Thomas B. Fitch, } *Auditors.*

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the Syracuse Home Association, in presenting to its patrons and friends their Third Annual Report, are happy in being able to offer them the congratulatory assurance, that the past year has been one of increased usefulness and effort in the cause of suffering humanity, and in the extension of that benevolence which prompted its organization. They enter upon a brief recital of their proceedings

for the year just closed, that the public may learn through the reports of the Society the manner in which their trust has been performed, that it may the better judge how far the objects and aims of its mission have been realized. They feel that gratitude is due first to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift," for that generous liberality which has thus far impelled its munificent patrons to assist them in assuaging the misfortunes of the poor, and the miseries of the afflicted—while they implore a continuance of those gifts by which they may be enabled to multiply their efforts and extend their aid to a greater number.

Four years have not yet elapsed since this Association was formed. Then limited in number, without means—without a permanent "Home," and destitute of everything but that Christian sympathy which seeing its necessity prayed for its establishment, it has through Divine aid, gradually, if not rapidly, gone on in its "labors of love." It first opened its "Home" of charities in a hired tenement; then as its goodly means rose from the "widow's mite" to the largess of the affluent, it bought a Home dedicated to the unfortunate. Still increasing in strength, still receiving aid—and all the time finding greater demands for its assistance, relying upon the public heart for its treasury, it has at length auspiciously located the "Home" in the very centre of the city, with more enlarged accommodations to meet the increasing calls, which the necessities of the homeless and friendless are presenting for its sympathy. The first purchase of the house and lot 144 South Salina street, was made under the direction of the Board of Counsellors. Two reasons concurred to induce its sale, viz: its remoteness from the centre of the city, and the limited room which crippled the energies, and was insufficient for the wants of the Institution. It was purchased of Mr. Larned for \$4000, and sold to T. B. Fitch, Esq., for \$4100. The present location, 33 East Fayette street, formerly known as "Mrs. Hyde's Female Seminary," was bought for \$4000. Situated upon a street daily increasing in its business importance, the

purchase is not only valuable as an investment for the Association, but the extent of its apartments and their adaptation to the necessities of "The Home," render it in all respects a change which has been long necessary and anxiously desired. Before occupying the present "Home," about \$500 were expended in making such repairs upon the building as the exigencies of the Association required. Finally located in a permanent habitation, the Managers proceeded in the furtherance of those objects, the duties of which they will now briefly detail.

On entering upon the year just passed, the number of inmates then remaining at "The Home" was ten. During the year there have been admitted 115 persons, 69 being adults, and 46 children. Twenty-two children, three of whom have been adopted, have been provided with permanent homes, 113 girls have also been established at service. The inmates of "The Home" have manufactured 260 garments, besides 67 that have been given out to be made by indigent needle-women.

During the year the number of invalids have been great, yet but a single death occurred. * * *

It would be overstepping our limits to detail the many cases of distress which our system of visitation has brought to light. It is enough to say that scenes of misery beyond the power of words to describe, and afflictions of which it is hardly possible to conceive, have been met with in the pathway of some of our visitors, scenes of which home has no counterpart, and the open field of life gives but a faint shadow.

Through the same instrumentality another branch of duty has presented itself, which in the opinion of the Managers has given evidence of great usefulness, viz: sewing schools for children, the origin of which was stated at length in the Second Annual Report of the Association. The results of the past year have been flattering in the extreme. A school under the supervision of Mrs. A. P. Granger was established at Public School House No. 4, and sustained with energy and

success. Sixty-four children were gathered together and instructed. The little girls in this school have made 144 garments and 2 quilts. The school formerly held at Public School House No. 7, and afterward transferred to "The Home," was small. By the report of Mrs. M. E. Alexander, during the space of four months 22 children were taught to sew, and 15 garments were made for the Depository. In the First Ward a school was established under the superintendence of Mrs. E. S. Newell, at which 89 girls have been instructed, 108 garments made, and one quilt nearly completed.

At Public School No. 5, a class under the mutual charge of Mrs. D. Y. Foote and Mrs. Wynkoop, numbering 200 children, have made 261 garments and 5 quilts.

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| Number of children to have been..... | 375 |
| Number of garments made by them..... | 517 |
| Number of garments given them..... | 355 |
| Number of garments sent to the Depository..... | 172 |
| Number of quilts..... | 7 |

Facts like these need no comment.

For the encouragement and pleasure of these children the Association prepared for them a collation at "The Home" on the last Saturday preceding the New Year. With generous kindness many good ladies of the city filled the tables prepared for the occasion. A large number of children gathered at the feast. It was a new page to them in the book of life, and almost the first real picture they had ever seen. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Hall, the President of the Association read to the children a touching and beautiful address on behalf of the teachers. Mr. Hall then spoke to them of the high and pure aims in life in which they had been instructed, and finally joined them in singing—"There is a happy land." Presents were then awarded to each, and they went back to their homes of want bearing visions of Hope for a brighter future.

"The Home," while it asks for the abundance of the rich that it may abate the sufferings of the poor, makes itself at the

same time a means for the accommodation of the one, and an aid for the necessities of the other. Since its permanent location it has opened and established an *Intelligence Office*, and in constant intercourse with those who require help, surrounded by peculiar means for learning the character, qualifications and habits of those who seek employment, the Managers believe that with the assistance and countenance of those who employ, and those who wish to be employed, it can furnish such information as may in truth be termed *intelligence*.

For this branch of their enterprise they ask from the citizens of Syracuse the patronage they *know* they deserve.

As another means of self support, the Managers of this Association have recently established an Employment Branch in connection with "The Home." They have been led to this step by that sensitiveness in the character of American women which makes them too proud to ask for that for which they render no equivalent—ready to work, but unwilling to ask alms. In this Department the Association is prepared to execute nearly every description of plain and ornamental sewing with neatness and despatch. It asks the encouragement of the public for this new and promising element for relieving the wants of the poor.

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But before they close their report they are constrained to express their confidence and present their acknowledgments to those individuals whose assistance and co-operation have contributed to the usefulness and promoted the interests of this Association. Among these they cannot name without gratitude and praise the unceasing and patient efforts of their Matron, Mrs. Kincaid, whose intelligence as an overseer, whose Christian virtues and untiring attention have endeared her to every suffering inmate of "The Home." The special thanks of this Board are also due to Hon. D. P. Phelps for his energy and success in securing the appropriation of the Legislature; to Mr. Poormaster Maynard for his ready co-operation and assistance in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the poor; to Drs. Cator, Foote and Shipman for their prompt and gratu-

itous attendance upon invalids at "The Home." They are much indebted to Charles Pope, Esq., for his aid in superintending the repairs on the building now occupied by "The Home;" also to the Press of Syracuse for their favorable notice and publication of the advertisements of the Society; and finally, to all of those warm hearted and benevolent men and women who have devoted their time and given of their means for the drying of those tears and the stilling of those sighs which the griefs, the sufferings, and the privations of the unfortunate have called forth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLOTTE B. DILLAYE,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned respectfully reports the receipts and disbursements of "The Home Association" as follows, for the year ending this 10th day of April, 1855:

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| Balance in the Treasury at the commencement of the year..... | \$1202.96 |
| Received for board of inmates at The Home; washing; intelligence fees; sewing, etc. | 270.16 |
| Received for Annual and special subscriptions and donations..... | 258.19 |
| On notes and subscriptions to Endowment Fund.. | 2524.75 |
| For interest on notes and deposits..... | 52.85 |
| Life Memberships..... | 20.00 |
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| | \$4328.91 |

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| Paid for interest, insurance and repairs on old "Home" \$ | 196 73 |
| Payment on purchase of the new "Home"..... | 1000.00 |
| Insurance on the same..... | 21.50 |
| Paid for repairs and improvements..... | 499.19 |
| Matron's salary..... | 200.00 |
| Expenses of "The Home" for groceries, provisions, articles for the Depository and Sewing Schools | 781.89 |
| Whole amount paid out..... | 2699.31 |
| Balance in the Treasury..... | 1629.60 |
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| | \$4328.91 |
| Respectfully submitted, | M. E. POPE, Treasurer. |

RESOURCES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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| Balance in Treasury..... | \$ 1629.60 |
| Due the Association on notes given on subscrip- tions, and due this year and next..... | 5498.00 |
| Due on subscription for which notes have not been given, but which are mostly good..... | 425.00 |
| Due from Mr. Fitch for the old Home (exclusive of interest..... | 4100.00 |
| Due on Town and County orders and from indi- viduals for board of inmates which is thought collectable..... | 200.00 |
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| | \$11,852.60 |

LIABILITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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| Due on the old "Home" to be paid in two equal in- stalments, with interest,—the first in October, 1855, the second, 1856..... | \$2000.00 |
| Due on the new "Home," payable in three annual instalments, with interest, in November, for the three successive years..... | 3000.00 |
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| | \$5000.00 |
| Resources of the Association at close of current year | \$11,852.60 |
| Liabilities..... | 6000.00 |
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| Balance..... | 5852.60 |

At date of Report the deposit, \$1629.60, acknowledged as the balance in the Treasury, was the only productive property of the Association. The amount granted by Legislature, \$700, has been received and deposited since that time. It should be remembered that the subscriptions to the fund were made *mainly* with a view to secure for the Home a *permanent* as well as suitable location: and to establish it more firmly than could be done merely by *annual* subscriptions. When this fund *shall have been paid* into the treasury and duly invested, our debts liquidated, the interest arising therefrom will greatly aid in extending the influence and usefulness of this institution.

REPORT OF CLERK OF DEPOSITORY.

FROM APRIL 11, 1854, TO APRIL 10, 1855.

Donations received from Auxiliary Societies and friends out of the city are as follows:

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| Donations from Otisco Society | valued at | \$ | 3.25 |
| " " Pitcher, Tompkins Co., | " " | | 26.00 |
| " " Otisco and Spafford Hollow, | " " | | 22.00 |
| " " DeWitt, District No. 12, | " " | | 26.38 |
| " " Skaneateles, | " " | | 16.13 |
| " " Tully, | " " | | 50.00 |
| " " Lafayette, | " " | | 17.50 |
| " " Pompey, | " " | | 6.31 |
| " " Homer, Cortland Co., | " " | | 13.00 |
| " " Groton City, | " " | | 40.00 |
| " " Marcellus, | " " | | 20.87 |
| " " Pompey Hill, | " " | | 26.87 |
| " " Victory, Cayuga Co., | " " | | 6.38 |
| " " Madison, Madison Co., | " " | | 20.50 |
| " " Howlett Hill, | " " | | 1.63 |
| " " Amber, | " " | | 17.75 |
| " " Spafford a bed-quilt, made by District School children | | | 10.00 |
| " " A friend in Clinton, Oneida Co., | | | 5.00 |
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| | | | \$329.57 |

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| Donations from individuals in the city, including | |
| \$27.00 from Young Ladies Sewing Society | 215.00 |
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| Number of garments given out from Depository, | \$544.57 |
| " " " " Sewing School, | 936 |
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| | 355 |
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| Remaining in Depository, | 1.291 |
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| | 594 |
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| Total, | 1.885 |
| Value of garments given from Depository, | \$594.00 |
| " " " " Sewing School, | 98.00 |
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| | \$692.00 |
| Families aided, | 217 |
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| | ADELINE STEVENS, Clerk. |

MATRON'S REPORT.

FROM APRIL 14, 1854, TO APRIL 10, 1855.

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| When I entered upon my duties the Home family | |
| numbered | 10 |
| Adults, | 7 |
| Children, | 3 |
| Received during the year, Adults, | 69 |
| Children, | 46 |
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| Total, | 125 |

Of these, 1 has died, 98 have been dismissed, 2 are missing.
Remaining at the Home, 24.

Number of widows, 19; deserted wives, 13; single adults, 45; invalids, 13; children, 49.

Number who have paid in whole or in part for board, 4;
the number whose board has been partly paid by friends, or town, or county, 20.

Number chargeable to Association, 89; of the latter it should be said a large majority were transient inmates, seeking service places, or a temporary accommodation.

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| Number of girls established at service | 113 |
| Number of garments made by inmates, | 260 |
| " " " out of the Home by indigent | |
| women, | 67 |
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Respectfully submitted, 327

ANN C. KINCAID, Matron.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Pursuant to notice, the Fourth Annual Meeting of The Home Association was held at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, April 8, 1856. The meeting being called to order, Hamilton White, Esq., was called to the chair.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. E. D. Maltbie.

The Chair then called for the reading of the Reports of the Managers and Treasurer.

After reading of the Reports in response to the call by the Chair, touching, eloquent and appropriate remarks were made by Rev. E. D. Maltbie, Rev. S. J. May, and Mr. Poor Master Maynard.

Mrs. Lydia Wallace then offered and read letters of resignation from Mrs. M. A. Maltbie,* President, and from Mrs. C. B. Dillaye, as Secretary, and then presented a series of resolutions expressive of deep regret at parting with their friend Mrs. D., who had discharged the duties of Secretary for four *foundation* years, with eminent zeal, ability and devotion.

Benediction was then pronounced by Rev. E. D. Maltbie, and meeting adjourned.

HAMILTON WHITE, President.

CHARLOTTE B. DILLAYE, Secretary.

The Meeting of the Board of Managers, which took place immediately, was called to order by Mrs. A. R. Hebbard, Vice President. The minutes of last meeting were read by Mrs. Dillaye.

The first business was the election of officers. Mrs. Fitch and Mrs. Farmer were appointed a committee to ask Mrs. Maltbie's continuance as President.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

* Upon urgent solicitation Mrs. Maltbie consented to resume her office as President and Counsellor, the more active duties devolving upon her associates.

Officers of the Association for 1856:

Mrs. Mary A. Maltbie, *President.*

Mrs. Lydia Wallace, }
Mrs. Almira Hebbard, } *Vice-Presidents.*

MRS. J. E. FARMER, *Secretary.*

MRS. ADELINE STEVENS, *Clerk of Depository,*

MRS. M. E. POPE, *Treasurer.*

Directresses.

Mrs. Julia F. Foote,

“ L. Pelton,

“ D. French,

“ P. Shaw,

“ Clara White,

“ Sarah White,

“ E. B. Wicks,

“ S. P. Pierce,

“ C. B. Dillaye,

“ Ursula Fitch,

“ M. E. Leavenworth,

“ S. M. Pratt,

“ B. C. Lathrop,

“ Amanda Hurst,

“ Jane Abbott,

“ S. E. Maltby,

“ M. E. Strieby,

“ Brintnall,

“ C. C. Wynkoop,

“ M. Beardslee,

Mrs. C. M. Wilkinson,

“ Lyman Clary,

“ B. Burton,

“ J. Greely,

“ E. S. Newell,

“ C. E. Alvord,

“ T. R. Porter,

“ M. Pierson,

“ Dr. Warner,

“ G. L. Farnham,

“ Jas M. Taylor,

“ J. B. Seely,

“ J. H. Cator,

“ H. Sheldon,

“ J. Colvin,

“ P. H. Benedict,

“ Weird Marsh,

“ G. H. Williams,

“ H. D. Hatch.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. Julia F. Foote, *Secretary*.

Mrs. S. P. Pierce,

Mrs. L. Clary,

“ H. Wheaton,

“ C. C. Wynkoop,

“ B. C. Lathrop,

“ S. M. Pratt,

“ A. C. Wells,

“ M. Pierson.

Board of Counsellors.

Hiram Putnam, *President*

C. T. Longstreet, *Vice-President*.

N. F. Graves, *Secretary*.

E. B. Wicks,

Charles Pope,

T. B. Fitch,

Russell Hebbard,

T. G. Alvord,

James M. Taylor,

Horace White,

Hamilton White,

Arnold Woodward,

Daniel Pratt.

Daniel Pratt, }
Thomas B. Fitch, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS.

Patrons and friends of the Home Association :

In presenting the Fourth Annual Report of the Syracuse “Home Association,” the Managers are again able to congratulate the many friends of the Institution upon its continued usefulness and successful operations. So long as there are irregularities in life which lead to poverty, misfortunes which bring on despair, and passions which draw in the train of their indulgences, wretchedness, suffering and heart-breaking, so long will there be earnest work for us to perform—so long

would we make a "Home" for the homeless, and open our hearts to the friendless. * * * * *

According to the statistics of the Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, there have been admitted to "The Home" or the current year, 118 persons, of whom 78 were adults, and 40 children. Of the adults, 20 were widows, 71 single, 9 deserted wives, and 10 invalids. The number dismissed has been 123; two have left without the knowledge of the Matron, and there are now remaining at "The Home" 9 persons. There has been one death and two births. Of those received at "The Home," 4 have paid in whole or part for board; 16 whose board has been partly paid by friends, and by the town or county, and 90 have been chargeable to the Association. The Managers have found permanent homes for ten children, and five have been adopted into respectable families. The Intelligence Department has furnished 162 girls with service places. The inmates of "The Home" have manufactured 285 garments, and 63 have been made by indigent needle women. The Report of the Clerk of the Depository, Mrs. Adeline Stevens, presents the following statements:

Donations received from Auxiliary Societies and friends out of the city, with their estimated value:

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| Amber..... | \$ 17.75 |
| Spafford Hollow..... | 14.00 |
| Sewing Society of Clay and Salina..... | 3.00 |
| Otisco and Spafford Hollow..... | 17.96 |
| De Witt, District No. 12..... | 21.22 |
| Unadilla, Otsego Co.,..... | 5.17 |
| Danby, Tompkins Co.,..... | 14.23 |
| Mrs. H. Adams, Skaneateles..... | 1.75 |
| Ladies' Society of Otischo..... | 19.00 |
| Mrs. Tillotson, Delphi..... | 3.75 |
| Presbyterian Society, Skaneateles..... | 7.62 |
| Pompey Hill Society..... | 45.74 |
| Fayetteville..... | 18.15 |
| Total..... | <u>\$189.34</u> |

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| Donations from individuals in the city..... | 136.07 |
| Plymouth Church Society..... | 14.49 |
| Sum total..... | \$339.90 |
| No. of garments given out from Depository..... | 1428 |
| Estimated value of said garments..... | 456.00 |
| No. of garments now in Depository..... | 154 |
| No. of families aided..... | 195 |

In addition to the Report of the Clerk of the Depository, the Managers would state that there have been given out at their respective homes, money and goods which have amounted to more than \$200.

The Reports from Sewing Schools are as follows: The school at School House No. 5, on Lock street, has been under the mutual charge of Mrs. R. G. Wynkoop, Mrs. J. F. Foote, Mrs. F. C. Malcolm and others. In this school, the whole number of scholars in attendance during the year ending March 27, 1856, were 300. The average attendance during the winter was 50. The number of deaths were 2. The articles finished in this school since May 5, 1855, have been 188, and 3 quilts; of these, 58 have been sent to "The Home." The amount of work seems more surprising when we consider that this school was discontinued from July 7th to September 1st.

The school formerly held at School House No 7, was opened at The Home, on the 1st of December last, under the direction of Mrs. Janette Hudson, Mrs. Wm. Alexander, and Mrs. Kendall.

As the school was newly established, no accurate account was kept until January. Since then it has numbered in all 50 children. The average attendance has been 25. In a little more than three months these children have finished 38 articles, and quite a large number are nearly completed. It must be remembered in judging of the amount of work accomplished by these schools, that in nearly all of them quite a large proportion are beginners.

The Sewing School in the First Ward has been sustained through the year uninterruptedly, under the superintendence of Mrs. Ednah S. Newell. There have been 44 new scholars added to this school during the past year, making the whole number since its organization 124. The average attendance has been but 30 or 40. There have been 68 garments made and given out, and a great deal of other sewing brought in by the children, in addition to which 3 quilts have been made and finished. Premiums have been occasionally given to those who improved the most, and have been the most punctual in their attendance. The families of two of the scholars have removed to Liverpool, but often during the most severe weather of winter these children *walked six miles* to reach sewing school, bringing others with them. The children in this school have been taught to repeat the Lord's Prayer, and have committed many verses and hymns.

On the 25th of December last, a Christmas Festival was held at The Home for the children of the Sewing Schools, who received appropriate presents, and to whom a welcome greeting was read by the President of the Association. An address was also made to them by Rev. Mr. Strieby. The teachers united with them in singing, and they then partook of the refreshments prepared for them, and received their presents from their kind benefactress, Mrs. J. E. Farmer, and retired. Truly it was a season full of pleasure to all present.

It is much to be regretted that we cannot give in full the Reports of the Visitors.

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Sacred as the trust is that has been reposed in the Managers of "The Home," it has been enough for them to know that a human heart was suffering, that a fellow-traveler on life's sad journey was homeless and wearied. If errors have been committed—as doubtless there may have been—such errors have been, as the Managers are constrained to believe, the result of too much confidence in human nature rather than too much severity in the treatment of it.

From our very midst, the icy hand of death has taken one who was with us, our Matron at our last Report, our associate, co-laborer and friend. The memory of Mrs. Kincaid will ever be precious to us. Her own pure life is her noblest eulogy.

Since the last report, the House has been placed under the care of Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, who has filled the duties appointed her with great fidelity, to the comfort, health and happiness of the inmates, and to the best interests of the Association.

EMPLOYMENT BRANCH.

The Sewing Department which is as yet in its infancy, is now under the superintendence of Miss Cook, who is fully competent for carrying on its interests, and rendering it a useful and important means of relieving the wants of the Industrious Poor.

The Intelligence Department has become firmly established, and we trust the public will not fail to test our facilities in this direction.

We tender our special thanks to Drs. Cator, Dunlap, Foote and Shipman for their kindness to the sick, and their gratuitous services to them, also to Mr. Poor Master Maynard for the advice and assistance he has so constantly extended us. For generous donations which we have continually received from the Press of our city we cannot be too grateful.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLOTTE B. DILLAYE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned respectfully reports that the receipts and disbursements of the Association for the past year, and its present Financial resources are as follows :

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| Amount in Treasury at the time of last Annual Report | \$1629.60 |
| Received on notes and subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, Donations, Subscriptions and Life Memberships..... | 2454.80 |
| State Appropriation..... | 700.00 |
| Interest on Deposits, Notes, &c..... | 377.95 |
| For Board of Inmates, Washing, Intelligence Fees and articles sold from Depository at the Home | 564.35 |
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| Paid Mr. Young on Mortgage and interest..... | \$5726.70 |
| “ For Repairs, Taxes and Insurance..... | \$1359.18 |
| “ “ Matron's Salary..... | 38.34 |
| “ “ Physicians, and Druggists' Bills..... | 177.15 |
| “ “ Drug Store bill of 1854..... | 31.00 |
| “ “ Water and Gas Bills.... | 21.72 |
| “ “ Dry Goods, and salary of Superintendent of Sewing Department and Sewing Machine | 40.12 |
| “ “ Groceries, Provisions, Fuel, Help, Relief of applicants, and expenses not included above..... | 226.38 |
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| Whole amount paid out..... | 909.65 |
| Balance in the Treasury..... | \$2858.39 |
| The Financial Resources in the hands of the Treasurer are as follows : | 2869.31 |
| Money in Treasury..... | |
| Notes and unpaid subscriptions mostly good..... | \$2869.31 |
| Balance of Mortgage on the old Home on Salina street, with interest about..... | 3385.00 |
| Mortgage from the estate of Mr. Hinsdale, of Camillus, with the interest on the same..... | 2160.00 |
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| Making..... | 439.00 |
| Also Binghamton Railroad Stock for which there is at present no market value..... | \$8853.31 |
| Respectfully submitted. | \$500.00 |
| April, 1856. | |

M. E. POPE, Treasurer.

AN ADDRESS.

Read at the Annual Meeting at the Home, May 8th, and repeated on this occasion by request of the Board.

Ladies of the Home Association :

The circumstances which required the postponement of our Annual Meeting, and those which prevent the presentation of the Annual Report to-day, remind us that our Heavenly Father gives us a mingled cup ; and whether the bitter or the sweet prevails, it is for us to drink it with subdued and grateful hearts.

Pilgrims as we are, our blessings are only "journeying mercies," which should not make us loiter by the way ; and toils and trials should but incite our flagging zeal and gird us with strength to hasten on with a firmer and less faltering step towards our heavenly home. We have, indeed, multiplied duties by the way, the most humble of which are dignified, *because God requires their discharge*, and their right performance will not retard but accelerate our progress.

Let us inquire, my friends, what life's daily discipline is effecting in our hearts. Do our abounding blessings increase our benevolence and convert well wishing to well doing ? Do our sorrows enable us better to comfort the sorrowful, and does our daily need of Divine teaching and Divine forgiveness, lead us to compassionate more deeply, those who from the moment of their birth, have been surrounded by influences favorable only to the perpetuity of ignorance and the development of every thing that is degrading in human character ? If our candid responses to these questions are affirmative, there is reason to believe that the present year will manifest more clearly than any preceding one has done, that the power of this Association as an agency for good is both remedial and preventive. We could not ask, with a view to excuse supine and heartless indifference—"Am I my brother's keeper?"—

but rather go forth cherishing the spirit and imitating the conduct of the good Samaritan, feeling that wherever man is—fallen, wounded, broken-hearted—there is our neighbor, claiming at our hand such services as he needs, if in our power to give, on the basis of the Divine precept—"Do unto others, as you would that others should do unto you." Yes, wherever trembling age sits desolate and uncared for, quenching hope's dying embers with her tears—where the death, or desertion of a husband, has driven to despair the wretched wife and mother—where homeless virtue wanders up and down, seeking her bread, while vice may plot her ruin—where childhood, that should be sunny, joyous, devoid of guile, shorn of its loveliness, is taught to procure "the family living" by the low artifices and shifts of the professional beggar, and in default of success is exposed to treatment at which a brute might blush, wherever within the circle of our influence and effort are found the ignorant, the suffering, the sinning, there is our suppliant neighbor.

There is sufficient scope for unbounded benevolence and untiring energy; but because the field is so large and the laborers *so few*, shall any of us look on with folded hands, while those few nobly, but almost vainly, struggle in the work for want of aid it would do our souls good to render? Did we but consider how much distress might be alleviated or averted, how much crime prevented, and how much positive good communicated to those who come within our appropriate sphere of effort, we should press forward, eager to perform any duty which Providence may here assign us. "Do good to all, as you have opportunity," is our broad commission from the Blessed Master whom we are bound to serve. This of course, covers every relation we sustain in life, but our present view must be limited to the children of poverty and misfortune above alluded to, who may need our sympathy and aid, our counsels and our prayers. A question demanding earnest and patient thought on account of its great practical importance, is—"How can we do them good?" They may *want* money,

food, clothing ; but if without effort of their own, these wants are supplied, they will in nine cases out of ten be not one whit the better, and possibly only worse for the aid. The beggar's bread, whether administered by public or private bounty, is often (of necessity) given doubtingly, if not grudgingly, and needs the gracious leaven of that charity which blesseth both giver and receiver.

It weakens more than it strengthens, paralyzes more than it energizes character and purpose, and tends to alienate rather than to unite the donor and the recipient.

We do not regard it as a ground for "lamentation," but rather of grateful acknowledgment, that so few Americans are among the applicants for charity in the ordinary sense of the term, though a larger number of these than is usual were benefitted by the Association the last year. Their industry and economy are usually crowned with a measure of success, raising them above extreme poverty and dependence. By far the largest class of applicants for *private alms* are those of our foreign population, sustained at least a part of the year at public expense, most of whom are willing to be perpetually dependent. They are children of a larger growth, without the docility and aptitude we expect from childhood—children in understanding, but sustaining the responsibilities of parents, and destined without the prompt interposition of benevolent and Christian effort in behalf of their offspring, to perpetuate their ignorance, thriftlessness, poverty and vices to coming generations. The only cure for these diseased members of the body politic is, we apprehend, some routine of tread-mill labor by which they will learn to extract a hidden blessing from the original curse.

Let the brow's sweat procure the daily bread ;
Employ the hands that hang so idly down ;
'Till from our borders Pauperdom has fled,
And health and plenty honest toil shall crown.

We may not be very sanguine about the improvement and elevation of a majority of this class who have reached the

meridian of life; but every consideration of humanity and religion urges us, while doing what we may for them, to attempt in earnest the rescue of their children from the miserable inheritance to which their birth has introduced them.

These hapless ones frequent our doors, meet us at every corner and crossing, and by their filthy and tattered garments, their abject and squalid mein, demand our commiseration.

Possessors as they are, of deathless souls—of bodies that will act, of minds that will think, of hearts that will love and hate, with what trumpet-tongue do they plead with us, to try so to direct that action, that thought and those affections, as not only to make their brief probation happy, but also to render their immortality a priceless dower!

If we espouse not their cause, but “altogether hold our peace,” will not the very foundation stones of the structure just dedicated to humanity, on yonder summit,* cry out against us? We rejoice in the achievements of science in behalf of those whose childhood, unblessed by the dawn of intellectual or moral light, threw a dark shadow over many an affectionate household. We feel that to awaken torpid intellects and slumbering consciences, and to teach their hitherto unconscious possessors to understand and perform their duties to God and man, are objects that fully justify all that has been done by private liberality and public munificence. But the inquiry arises as to the comparative evils of neglecting these demented ones, or of neglecting thousands endowed by nature with ordinary physical and mental powers, which will develop themselves under the most adverse circumstances. Much as we should deprecate the former, they would in contrast be few and confined only to a small circle, and might be aptly illustrated by the worthless and stunted products of a rocky and sterile waste, while the certain results of neglect in the latter case, would resemble the spontaneous and rank luxuriance of a rich alluvial soil, spreading not the worthless brier and this-

* The State Idiot Asylum.

tle, but sustained by its own decay, exhaling everywhere around a pestilential and deadly miasma.

The friends of humanity and religion in our Atlantic cities and elsewhere have been aroused to earnest effort for the rising generation of the poor, and should not the success which a benignant Providence has granted them lead us to emulate their charity and zeal?

It is sometimes said "provision is made for their instruction—our public schools are free—the doors of our Sabbath schools and our churches stand open for their entrance, and if they will not avail themselves of these privileges, why should we offer more?"

In reply we would say, perhaps they have not learned to appreciate these privileges, or they may not have decent clothing, or they may have none to say to them with winning accents—"Come with us and we will do you good;" or they may be forbidden to come. *Homes* are the necessity for this class, many of whom, though not orphans, are little less than vagrants, and the reluctance with which their ignorant, improvident, and often vicious parents surrender their children, even when good homes are proffered them, where they would be trained to habits of industry and virtue, is one of the strongest barriers to successful effort for their benefit.

We believe, however, that through the Divine blessing on our Sewing Schools for the children of the poor, this barrier has been greatly weakened; and could as many such schools as their wants demand be organized and sustained by efficient, judicious and pious teachers, distinguished by the grace of continuance, the benefits to them would be incalculable.

The most hapless and hopeless child that enters one of these schools feels that she has friends who desire her improvement, and who, from no selfish motive, are willing to aid her in becoming a neat, industrious, truth-loving and God fearing child; and who can tell what influence that single thought may exert on her character and destiny? Ere long the door of some Christian home may be open to receive her, where she

may be useful to others, and learn to walk in those "ways of pleasantness and paths of peace," which lead to the better country.

Every such school would furnish ample employment every Saturday afternoon for eight or ten teachers, and would become a centre of light, influence, and happiness, to many whose existence has been but a prolonged and gloomy twilight.

Will not many of you having ease and leasure, covet the pleasure of aiding thus to rescue these children from the evils that now surround them, and the imminent dangers which threaten their growing years?

Intimately connected with these schools in their ultimate design, is the Female Employment Branch of our Association, which demands our earnest attention.

Next to practical Christianity, which affords the only adequate remedy for the radical evils of humanity, whether social or moral, Industrial Charity furnishes the most rational basis on which to build a hope to rescue the present, and save future generations from the unmitigated ills of Pauperism.

Would that our entire community were awake to the fearful results of public and private alms-giving to thousands depending on them, and that they would substitute some employment adapted to the age, capacity and condition of every applicant willing or unwilling, who is able to work, and leave the aged and feeble, the unprotected youth and orphan to the care of Christian charity.

Then might the multitude of idle, untrained, and even vicious consumers become industrious and useful members of society, working out with others, the perplexing problem so long unsolved—"How shall we furnish the poor with means and methods for self-support?"

Then might we hope that our humble effort to furnish employment for destitute females, by the needle, and to teach young fingers skill in using it, would be understood and made available to multitudes, to whom, without patronage for this

department, we must reluctantly say—"The garments you have already made lie upon our shelves unsold, and we dare not continue to purchase cloth and pay for working it if no one will buy."

We feel the pang we give by such a refusal, and desire to be saved from inflicting it.

When the bare prospect of earning a few shillings will light up the face of sadness and remove a burden of anxiety from a stricken heart, because they will satisfy a clamorous landlord, or pay for bread a hungry family have already consumed, must even that hope be disappointed? No—never! must be the response of every heart.

We know there is selfishness enough—we believe there is benevolence enough in the community to ensure for this department a liberal patronage, if its claims were fully set forth. While shrinking from giving needless publicity to our associated effort, the conviction that many to whom we are largely indebted for whatever we have done, and others to whom we expect to be indebted for the means of doing more, have a claim to be informed of our past success, our present labors, and plans and hopes for the future, has led some of us to entertain favorably a proposition recently made—"That a public meeting should be called at Market Hall for the purpose of presenting the Annual Report, and explaining more fully the objects and aims of the Association."

Before this matter is proposed for your decision, let all who sustain any responsibility in carrying out the various objects of our benevolent effort "suffer a word of exhortation."

Do not regard it as unimportant whether you perform your individual duties, because many co-operate in the work. For your duty, you alone are responsible, though many may suffer indirectly from your failing to fulfil it.

If we meet discouragements, let them stimulate our zeal and faith in a Divine Helper; but never let indifference on the one hand, nor ingratitude on the other, lead us to decline from our steadfast purpose to labor in this cause. Prejudices may arise

from the misrepresentations of those whom we have fed, and clothed and sheltered ; we may be censured by some for opening our door too widely, by others for guarding it too strictly ; by some for dealing out to the poor too lavishly and indiscriminately, and by others for withholding good from those to whom it is due. But let us endeavor to bring to the discharge of our respective duties, all the judgment, energy and Christian kindness it is in our power to exercise ; then if censured unjustly, we can calmly leave our cause with "Him who judgeth righteously." Some of us are reminded, not only by "changing scenes and dying friends," but by the lengthening shadow on our backward track, that even-tide approaches, and *rest* is near.

Let us work while it is day.

THE FIFTH YEAR.

The Home Association held its Fifth Anniversary at the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, April 14th, 1857, at 2 o'clock P. M. Hiram Putnam, Esq., was invited to take the Chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Strieby. The Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were then read, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. E. D. Maltbie, Rev. S. J. May, Judge Pratt and Mr. Maynard.

Resolutions were then passed, thanking the gentlemen for their encouraging and appropriate remarks ; also the ladies having charge of the Sewing Schools connected with the Home Association, for their faithful and persevering labors.

Benediction was then pronounced by Rev. S. J. May, and meeting adjourned.

HIRAM PUTNAM, President.

EDNAH S. NEWELL, Secretary, *pro. tem.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

By the unfailing care of a benign Providence, this Institution has arrived at its present stage, and we may congratulate you that the objects of this Association have been so well carried out, and to such successful issues; that its charities have been so diffused, its usefulness so extended, and its reputation undimmed. Let us be grateful and hopeful, and while gratitude swells our hearts, sadness o'ercasts our memories, for we are reminded of the absence of two of our fellow laborers from this privileged field; one, our beloved President, has been detained from that chair, the duties of which she has filled with such eminent wisdom, moderation, dignity, forbearance, and Christian courtesy. May her valued life be spared, and she be restored to those duties which she has performed with such a loving and sacrificing spirit. And our valued sister who was removed so suddenly from this to a more exalted sphere, has ceased from her labors, but her works do follow her, for they were well and faithfully done. Her example rises before us as sweet incense.

We have great satisfaction in the continued superintendence of the Home by our excellent Matron, Mrs. Morris, whose practical experience and careful inspection, preserves order, regularity and comfort in the household, whose motherly aspect and tones persuade and control the inmates. The more active duties of the Home are discharged by Miss Morris, whose energy of will, and kindness of spirit, united with the mature wisdom of her mother, yield a combination of qualities, and an amount of labor which we might seek in vain to unite in one person.

From the Matron's Report we gather the following statements:—One hundred and fifty-eight persons were received at the Home within the past year.

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| Widows | 15 |
| Deserted Wives..... | 21 |
| Single Adults | 41 |
| Invalids | 18 |
| Children | 63 |

Two births and three deaths have occurred; 2 left, 131 were dismissed. Remaining, 22. 329 garments were made in the Home; for 32 children, permanent homes were provided; 11 adopted into worthy families, and 250 girls furnished places of service. The plan of operation has not varied from that of the preceding years, with the exception of the Employment branch, which has been discontinued from want of sufficient patronage to make it profitable.

Visitors through all the districts have made themselves familiar with the destitute in their abodes of want and wretchedness, administering advice, admonition, or assistance as exigencies required. The sick have been consoled by timely relief and active sympathy; 790 garments have been distributed by the visitors. The reports of some of these visitors concerning the results of intemperance were terrible. One duty of visitors is to induce people to sign the pledge. One stated that she had obtained eight signatures, and in the same district three children were given for adoption. * *

Of the Industrial Schools the accounts are very gratifying. Six were sustained in various parts of the city. The school at No. 5, (Public School House) was under the supervision of Mrs. D. Y. Foot, assisted by several other ladies. The number of scholars during the year were 320. Articles given out, 137, articles completed, 222; sent to the Home, 85; Bedquilts 4. Twenty of these girls have gone to learn trades, or assist in the support of invalid parents by the use of the needle. More than half this school was composed of the children of indigent American and German Protestants.

No. 7. The teachers of this school were Miss Mary Jackson, Miss Laura Baldwin, and Miss Gertrude Hillis; scholars 35, garments made 50. The school was interrupted by the

prevalence of small pox in some of the families. School No. 11 was superintended by Mrs. Hervey Sheldon, number of scholars 60. The school at the Home was commenced by Mrs. Kendall, and continued by Mrs. McDougall and Mrs. Cator; entire number scholars, 64, average, 20; garments made were 138, given to children 76, sent to the Home, 62. No. of scholars in First Ward school, 170. This excellent school was superintended by Mrs. Newell, assisted by others.

A school was sustained in Lodi for a time with 30 scholars, by Mrs. Clark, which she was compelled to relinquish for lack of assistant teachers. The children who have been gathered into these schools have been instructed in the use of the needle, the making and repairing of garments, and trained to habits of neatness, order, industry, and virtue; thus inhaling a moral atmosphere by which they can disinfect in some measure their abodes of idleness, vice, want and wretchedness. This branch of our operations was the most hopeful as well as the most remedial of all our agencies. To reward these children for their prompt and persevering attendance at the schools through storms and opposing obstacles, and to encourage them for the future, as well as to give them cheerful and happy recollections of "Merry Christmas," a festival was given them at the City Hall by their teachers and other friends, at which time addresses were made to them, and the happy faces, the sparkling eyes, the outstretched hands that grasped so eagerly the proffered cakes and candies—verily they were a pleasant sight to see. As they rose and held up their gifts, they seemed like the waving banners of an army whose might in good doing should vanquish evil, and hasten the time when "the lion shall lie down with the lamb, and a little child shall lead them." The methods and measures by which this society may be aided are multiform. None so weak but they may contribute something. Let us then

"So work that when the sun
Of our existence sets at night,
Memorials sweet of mercies done,
May shrine our names in memory's light,
And the blest deeds we scattered, bloom
A hundred fold in days to come."

Grateful acknowledgements are made for various donations of money, clothing and food, from friends in this city and unknown, \$241.27. This includes a donation from scholars of Park Institute. From friends in and out of the city, Pompey, Chittenango, Amber, Amboy, LaFayette, DeWitt, donations have been received at various times amounting to \$155.19

Drs. Cator, Morgan and Tallman, have given to the sick their gratuitous services. The proprietor of the *Journal* has also sent us his valuable paper. Mrs. L. Wallace has acted Secretary pro. tem.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Amount in Treasury at last Annual Meeting..... | \$2869.31 |
| Total receipts..... | 7377.60 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Total value of the property of the Association over and above all indebtedness..... | \$11,835.37 |
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Respectfully submitted.

M. E. POPE, *Treasurer.*

Syracuse, April 14, 1857.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF SYRACUSE HOME ASSOCIATION, 1858.

In presenting the Sixth Annual Report of the "Syracuse Home Association," its Managers take pleasure in stating that abundant occasion has been furnished to acknowledge the goodness of God in preserving our lives, and in providing generous hearts and efficient hands for a work requiring much perseverance, good-will and self denial.

While new fields of labor have been opened, and new de-

mands have been made upon our time and patience, fresh sympathies have been enlisted, and additional laborers have engaged in our behalf. This effort to give shelter to deserving, homeless adults, and to guide the child of want and sorrow in the path of virtue and industry, seems thus far to be favored.

During the past year the "benediction of the ever present and Infinite Friend of the friendless" has seemed to rest upon us.

While we mourn that increasing illness has detained our well-beloved President from our midst, our grateful acknowledgements are due for the influence of her wise and practical suggestions, conveyed to us by personal intercourse and written communications, and especially for her earnest pleadings at the Throne of Grace. For the good work which she commenced and carried on so successfully, we lovingly commend her to the care of Him who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Our Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, still continues to devote herself untiringly to the best interest of the Home, assisted by her daughter, on whom the more active duties and out-door cares devolve. We congratulate the Association that such an air of comfort, neatness and good order prevails throughout the Institution. According to her Report, 161 have been received the past year—133 adults, 28 children. Of these, three have died—Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Grant and Margaret Finley.

One hundred and thirty-nine have been dismissed and 20 remain at the Home.

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| Number of deserted wives received, | 17, | widows, | 19, | invalids | 16. |
| There has been during the year two births. | | | | | |
| Number who have paid in whole or in part for board..... | 68 | | | | |
| Board paid by Town or County..... | 33 | | | | |
| Board chargeable to Association..... | 60 | | | | |

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| Total..... | 161 |
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Of inmates received, two were Scotch, four German, two Welch, ten colored, twelve English, fifty-eight Americans, and seventy-three Irish.

Nine children have been furnished with permanent homes 198 girls provided with service places.

The value of provisions received from friends in the city and abroad is \$40.90.

To Drs. Clary and Cator for gratuitous services, and to the proprietor of the *Journal* for his valuable paper, we tender our sincere thanks.

The Intelligence Office at the Home has been very serviceable during the past year. This feature will be continued, and those who need faithful, well recommended servants, can obtain them by paying the customary fee.

REPORT OF CLERK OF DEPOSITORY.

Mrs Elizabeth B. Farnum is as follows:

Donations from Auxiliary Societies and friends out of the city.

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| Spafford Hollow..... | \$ 9.38 |
| DeWitt District No. 12..... | 26.00 |
| Otisco..... | 21.00 |
| DeRuyter..... | 20.22 |
| Pompey..... | 51.00 |
| Mrs. Baker, Pompey..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Hayden, "..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Rogers, "..... | 1.00 |
| Miss E. Birdsey, "..... | 5.00 |
| Miss Julia Jerome, aged 7 years..... | 3.00 |
| Mrs. James Holwell, Pompey..... | 1.80 |
| Mrs. Gaylord, Fairmount..... | 1.50 |
| Misses Collins & Barber, S. S. Class, in R. D. church, Chittenango..... | 6.00 |
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| | \$148.90 |
| Donations from individuals in city..... | 242.27 |
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| | \$391.17 |

Number of garments given out, 1061. Valued at \$408.12. Number of garments remaining, 36. Families aided—American, 30, Irish 75, English 10, Colored 13, German 24; total, 152. From the Industrial Schools we have cheering accounts; 771 children having been brought under their salutary influences. The school at the Home reports the number in attendance during the winter, 174; average number 70; garments made, 109, given to the children, 91. Deposited at the Home, 18 garments and 3 quilts. School corner of Fayette and Irving streets, established in November last, reports the whole number in attendance, 99; average, 33. Nearly half of the pupils are colored children; 103 garments made, 53 sent to the Home, 50 given to the school, 43 unfinished garments and three quilts nearly completed remain. Three quilts have also been finished and sent to the Home.

No. 5. This school was suspended from midsummer to October, partly on account of the existence of the small-pox in localities where the children resided, and partly because the building was being repaired. During this interruption, the records of the first quarter of the year were lost, and the report is necessarily imperfect; 350 children have been enrolled as members of the school, the attendance varying from 50 to 133. Number of garments made, 226; given away, 116; sent to the Home, 123. Number of garments unfinished, 39.

No. 3, in the First Ward, reports 328 who have been members since its commencement, 158 in attendance during the past year; average number, 100; garments made and given out, 120 and 2 quilts. This school with a few exceptions has been sustained without depending on the Home for aid. The progress of the pupils in all the schools has been hindered by the want of teachers. We feel confident that there are many among us, who, when need is recognized, will gladly devote a few hours each week in the service of these children.

The Christmas Festival, which afforded so much pleasure last year, was repeated. More than four hundred children from the Industrial Schools assembled at the City Hall to en-

joy an entertainment provided for them by their generous and warm-hearted friends. Brief words of advice and encouragement were given by the clergy and other gentlemen of the city, and sweet little songs were sung. A bountiful supply of refreshments was distributed, and each child presented with a gift by the ladies of this Association. It was a gleam of sunshine upon the dark day of many a child's history, and it must have taught some despairing ones that there are warm, child-loving hearts, ready to encourage every attempt to walk in the pleasant paths of virtue and industry. The duty of the visitor is an important feature in our work, and we rejoice to know that so much has been accomplished.

We have neither time nor space to give the many interesting incidents that have been reported. We will cite a few. One visitor says: "All the families in my district have been visited; distributed 165 articles of clothing and bedding, valued at \$40.30. A very great improvement in habits of neatness and order have been observed since the first visits were paid." Another reports the furnishing of 30 garments, and finding 15 girls for the sewing school. Another, "39 garments given out with \$5 in money. Found an American widow with no means of support except what a daughter 15 years old would earn by making shirts. The mother was old and infirm, and had once been in affluence. She says, 'Oh, how times have changed. Husband and children all gone save this one, who is a ray of sunshine to my stricken heart.'" We feel that our labor has not been in vain; the desponding have been cheered, the weak and irresolute strengthened. Another reports the case of a woman who was found sick, destitute and alone, wasting away with consumption. She was an American woman, and had seen better days. She had lost husband, children, friends and health. Delicacies that the sick crave but seldom obtain, have been carried her, and some of her many wants relieved. A little girl from one of the sewing schools came to a teacher and said, "My mother is very sick and wants to see you." The visitor found her very ill with typhoid fever, with hardly

strength remaining to ask for food and clothing for herself and five children. She lingered a few weeks, and with her dying breath commended her orphans to the sympathy and care of christian homes. Kind hands prepared her for her last resting place, and supplied the wants of the little ones. The eldest, eleven years old, takes the place of mother in that desolate home. One more incident, although not in the visitor's sphere is gratefully recorded. Among the invalids at the Home was a young girl brought from the Poor House to die. She was so diseased with scrofula that no hope was entertained of her recovery. By the able nursing and motherly care of our Matron she was restored, and in a few months was able to support herself. These are a few of the incidents that are constantly occurring in our various fields of labor. Ours is a blessed work, and who is willing to be denied the privilege of being a participator?

" 'Tis a little thing
To give a cup of water; yet its draught,
Of cool refreshment, drain'd by fever'd lips,
May give a shock of pleasure to the frame,
More exquisite than when neektarian juice
Renews the life of joy in happiest hours."

The labors of this Association have been entirely unsectarian. No inquiry has ever been made concerning the creed or nationality of those receiving aid. The needy and deserving of every clime and religion have shared in our sympathies and alms. Some persons, however, have manifested a special interest in Protestant widows, and have desired to establish a fund for their benefit, and have agreed to act as the almoners of these Protestant donors. A note from our President sets forth the reasons for and advantages of this feature in forcible language.

"I deem the commencement of a fund for the relief of Protestant widows one of the most hopeful measures adopted by the Association during the closing year. Not that individuals of that class have not shared in the general distribution, which relieves the sufferer without regard to creed or nationality, but because circumstances have occurred, indicating clearly the necessity and practicability of some special provision for them.

Many persons have signified their readiness to contribute to this object whose donations have been restricted, if not withheld hitherto, on the ground that so large a proportion of foreigners have been aided by the Association. Without pausing to justify its policy in this respect, we can now invite these friends to give full scope to their benevolence by increasing this fund, of which as will be apparent by the Treasurer's Report, we have the nucleus. We may from the history of the past safely predict that many Protestant widows will need assistance, for numbers of this class have been for a longer or shorter time inmates of the Home; some waiting to obtain employment, some to recruit their toil-worn energies, some to recover from sickness, while to others it proved a peaceful resting-place ere they departed to an eternal home.

"A Widows' Fund. The very name will constitute a sacred entrustment, to be accounted for to the Widows' God." Who that has learned by sad experience, even in a home of comfort, refinement, or luxury, the deep woeful meaning of the term widow, will fail generously to respond when we plead for those who to the sorrows of widowhood have superadded those of destitution and dependence? To her are still left the bounties of an indulgent Providence, the sympathy and companionship of friends, perhaps the winsome and tender assiduities of filial love, and more than all, the rich bestowments of the spirit of grace; and little can she understand the sore bereavement, the almost utter desolation of one, the main pillar of whose household fabric has fallen, when the strong arm that daily earned the daily bread for herself and her children lies nerveless in death. To whom shall she look for counsel, sympathy and succor, in her hour of extremity? What will become of her fatherless ones? She resolves that they shall not be paupers; and it may be that latent energies are aroused within her, and she addresses herself to the discharge of her double duty, animated by the holiest and strongest impulses of a true woman's heart. But hers is no easy task, and however bravely she may resolve, however nobly she may do, however humbly

she may trust in the Faithful Promiser, she needs human sympathy, friendship and assistance to enable her to plan wisely, and labor successfully. She may need pecuniary aid as a loan or gift, imparted with a delicate consideration, that shall neither wound her feelings, diminish her self-respect, nor weaken her laudable desire of independence for herself and her children. Her claims we cannot disregard. But of the various phases of destitute widowhood, none appeals more strongly to the heart than that of widowed, childless age, over whose loved ones the grave has long since closed, leaving her a solitary pilgrim on life's sterile, wintry slope, to feel more keenly from her present desolation the value of departed joys. Oh if no gleam of hope comes from the "better country" to cheer and sustain her soul, how inexpressibly sad is her condition! Shall such remain homeless, friendless, and comfortless, in this christian community? "Though grandeur may grieve magnificently over departed pride," though affluence may weep in secret places because her halls no longer echo to the voices or footsteps of the cherished dead, though in many a home of competence and comfort, affection may mourn for the sad breach that death has made in its circle of love; what do they know—the wealthy, the prosperous, the loving and the loved, with their surroundings and exemptions—of the deep, crushing sorrows of widowed poverty? We must *attempt* more, we must *do* more to relieve, or at least to ameliorate these sorrows, and I feel assured that in an effort to create a fund for this specific object, we shall be sustained by the sympathetic and the grateful, by those who mourn; by those who know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who though He was rich, for our sakes became poor, and who remember that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Should we not regard every legitimate appeal to our benevolence, from fallen and suffering humanity, a draft upon us from our common Father to be honored to the extent that the accredited claimant shall require, and ability shall warrant? May we be found faithful when called to give account of our stewardship.

To our patrons and friends, while thanking them for what they have done in the past, we would say that in order to accomplish the objects of this Association, a vigorous system of means must be kept in operation. It will also be readily seen, that such a system cannot be maintained without regular and increasing funds. For these we have no dependence but your liberality. Upon this we have hitherto relied with safety, and are willing still to rely, believing that the disposition which has been manifested will not soon grow weary, nor withhold what may be wanting. Our resources are principally derived from annual subscriptions and donations. The former, it is hoped, will be greatly increased the coming year, and a prompt response made to meet the indebtedness for the past. Would you then be acknowledged as instruments in carrying forward the work that has been laid before you?

Upon this and every other occasion let it receive your united and decided support; and hereafter: "When the ear heareth it shall bless you, and when the eye seeth it shall give witness to you, because you delivered the poor that cried and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him; and the blessing of him that was ready to perish shall come upon you."

EDNAH S. NEWELL.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned respectfully reports—That the receipts and disbursements of the Association for the past year, and its present financial resources are as follows:

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| Amount in the treasury at last annual report..... | \$ 4905 37 |
| Received donations and subscriptions..... | 213 95 |
| “ Interest on deposits, &c..... | 322 71 |
| “ State appropriation..... | 700 00 |
| “ payment on bond and mortgage..... | 200 00 |
| “ for board at the Home..... | 449 08 |
| “ Intelligence fees at the Home..... | 35 98 |
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| | \$6827 09 |
| Rent and articles sold at Home..... | 76 93 |
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DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Paid Mr. Young balance on bond and mortgage... | \$1076 61 |
| “ for repairs and insurance..... | 246 02 |
| “ printing reports | 31 00 |
| “ plate for L. Membership Certificate..... | 20 00 |
| “ Matron on salary | 190 00 |
| “ dry goods..... | 145 53 |
| “ groceries and provisions, fuel, water, help, funeral expenses, relief of applicants and incidental expenses not enumerated above... | 901 87 |
| Total amount paid out..... | \$2611 93 |
| Balance in the treasury | 4292 09 |

LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

Your Treasurer takes pleasure in reporting the Association as *free from all debt* Its resources may be estimated as follows :

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| Cash in the treasury..... | \$4292 09 |
| Home premises..... | 4500 00 |
| Bonds and mortgages..... | 1425 00 |
| Notes and subscriptions, (estimated value) | 300 00 |
| State appropriation of 1857 not yet received..... | 1000 00 |
| Total resources..... | \$12,017 09 |

Your Treasurer further reports, that in October, 1857, a Fund was formed for the relief of “Indigent Protestant Widows ”

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| There has been received into this fund | \$84 00 |
| Paid out..... | 36 88 |

Leaving a balance of..... \$47 12

There has also been subscribed to this fund (and not yet paid in)..... 62 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY E. POPE, Treasurer.

Officers of the Association for 1858:

Mrs. Mary A. Maltbie, *President*.

Mrs. Lydia Wallace, }
Mrs. Almira Hebbard, } *Vice-Presidents.*

MRS. MARY E. POPE, *Treasurer*.

MRS. EDNAH S. NEWELL, *Secretary*.

And fifty-three Directresses.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

This has been emphatically a year of bereavement to our Institution. Since our last meeting no less than *four* of our number have left the scenes of their earthly labors, and the place which once knew them "shall know them no more." One had filled the post of Secretary of the Association for a year, another was Clerk of the Depository, and still another member of the Executive Committee. We miss them as we meet from month to month in friendly counsel and deliberation; we miss them in our Industrial Schools, where some of them were efficient helpers, and at our Christmas Festival we were again reminded of one whose liberality in former years had gladdened the hearts of the children. The Providence which has removed the useful and beloved when they had scarcely reached the noon of life, is to us a mysterious one. The sympathy of the Board of Managers was renewedly tendered to our beloved President in the heavy bereavement she has sustained during the year. Her loss is our loss. Mr. Maltbie has been, from its formation, a firm friend of this Association, always ready to aid us by counsel and personal effort. * * * It would almost seem to have been in a prophetic spirit that our President, in a communication embodied in our last Annual Report, alluded so touch-

ingly to the sorrows of widowhood. May she be sustained under her sore trial, and her valued life be spared for continued and more abundant usefulness.

MATRON'S DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Morris having resigned the position filled by herself and daughter (with much acceptance for three years), the Association esteem themselves particularly fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Williams for this difficult and responsible position. From her report we gather the following statistics :

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| Number of Home family at last Annual Meeting..... | 20 |
| Received during the year..... | 171 |
| Deaths | 5 |
| Dismissed | 172 |
| Remaining at the Home..... | 14 |

Classification as follows—

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| Widows | 42 |
| Deserted wives..... | 7 |
| Single adults..... | 92 |
| Married | 8 |
| Invalids..... | 8 |
| Number who have paid in whole or part for board..... | 64 |
| Number whose board was paid by town, county, or city... | 42 |
| Number chargeable to the Association..... | 70 |

Eight children were furnished permanent homes, and 179 girls provided with places of service, and 112 garments were made by the inmates.

The Intelligence Department met with increasing favor. Much encouragement was afforded the Board by the gratitude and appreciation of some who came sick into the Institution, and there spent in wondrous peace some of their last and best days on earth.

THE DEPOSITORY.

Mrs. Harriet L. Robertson, clerk, reported as follows:

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| Number of garments given out..... | 587 |
| Value and materials | \$248 90 |
| Number of families aided..... | 140 |

Donations were received from the ladies of Pompey, School District No. 6, Clay Sabbath School, Spafford Hollow, La Fayette Square, DeWitt, Jordan.

Total amount from friends in and out of town.....\$259 27

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The prevalence of small pox rendered it necessary to suspend these during a greater part of the winter. A number of schools heretofore held in various places were gathered at the City Hall, which was kindly furnished for this use. 175 children were in attendance, and much interest was manifested by teachers and children.

Mrs. W. M. Clarke had during part of the year charge of a school corner of Fayette and Irving streets, from March to October, of 1858. She had 82 scholars. They made 60 garments, of which 36 were given them, and 24 carried to the Home, besides 4 bed quilts, and 2 more nearly finished.

At the First Ward School a goodly number of scholars were in attendance, and 120 garments made and given out. The usual Christmas Festival to the children, the most attractive event of the year, was held at the Holiday time, and they went back to their humble homes with a gleam of sunshine in their hearts, and their purposes in the direction of the true and good confirmed and strengthened.

The same cause affected unfavorably the visitation of the city. Still many families were visited and helped, children

gathered into the Industrial and Sabbath Schools. "The Widow's Fund" continued silently to work out its mission of benevolence, a number of worthy sufferers having been aided by its means during this year. Gratifying accounts were received from many of the children for whom homes had been provided by the Association in former years, and who were reported by their adopted parents as having more than answered their expectations.

After acknowledgments for courtesies rendered by various journalists and physicians during the year, also to Mr. Anson G. Chester and Thomas T. Davis, Esq., for lectures by them delivered, the Secretary concludes with the following:

Appeal for increased aid in carrying out the plans and operations which her entire report had briefly outlined. "We know that we have many firm friends whose warm sympathy and generous contributions have sustained and encouraged us during the past year, and who have our deepest gratitude for what they have done in our behalf, but we desire to see their number greatly enlarged. * * * We wish to have our Home based upon a broad foundation of sympathising hearts among the denizens of our city, and the inhabitants of the towns and villages about us. * *

We greatly need an enlarged and permanent list of annual subscribers, that we may know what resources we have to depend upon. Donations in food and clothing are always acceptable, and we trust those who have remembered us so generously in former years, will not allow themselves to become "weary in well doing." Our Divine Master has said—"The poor ye have always with you, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good." We cannot believe that in this city of human sympathy, the centre for so much that is philanthropic and beneficial, the *will* to do good is wanting. And is not aid to a benevolence which is systematic and far reaching in its operations, better than that impulsive kindness which gives to all who ask, without seeking to ascertain whether the charity thus bestowed is destined to relieve real suffering, or only to

gratify some depraved appetite? Shall our appeal be in vain, or shall not rather our hands be strengthened in the work we have undertaken, and our hearts encouraged by a generous response from a benevolent public.

Respectfully submitted.

M. M. TRUAIR, Secretary.

April 12th, 1859.

EXTRACTS FROM TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Amount in Treasury at the last Annual Report.... | \$4292 09 |
| Amount received during year ending April 12, 1859, | 3494 00 |
| Amount disbursed..... | 1270 55 |
| Balance in the Treasury | 6515 54 |
| Home premises..... | 4500 00 |
| Bond and Mortgage..... | 390 00 |
| Notes, subscriptions, &c..... | 500 00 |
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| | \$11,905 54 |

INDIGENT PROTESTANT WIDOW'S FUND.

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| Amount in this Fund at last Annual Report..... | \$47 12 |
| Received during past year | 75 00 |
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| | \$122 12 |
| Amount paid out..... | 32 00 |
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| Balance on hand | \$90 12 |

Respectfully submitted.

MARY E. POPE, Treasurer.

EXTRACTS FROM THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

That kind Providence which smiled upon our first feeble beginnings, and which has led us step by step into a broader and more extended field of usefulness, has not deserted us during the past year.

Mrs. Williams still continues her charge of the Home as Matron, and the visitors appointed by the Board testify invariably to the neatness and comfort which prevail throughout the building, and the general contentment and gratitude of the inmates.

From her report we gather the following statistics :

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| Number inmates in the Home at last Annual Meeting.. | 14 |
| " Received during the year..... | 160 |
| " Dismissed..... | 157 |
| " Remaining..... | 17 |

Classified as follows: Widows, 20; deserted wives, 10; single adults, 111; Married, 4; children, 15; invalids, 9.

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| Board paid in whole or part for..... | 48 |
| " " by town, county, or city..... | 13 |
| " chargeable to Association..... | 99 |

Home found for 1 child, places for 104 girls, 104 garments made in the Home, of which 6 were quilts and 9 comfortables. Among the invalids at the Home were two in the prime of life rendered helpless by lingering disease, another aged woman of 90 was confined to her bed, bearing with cheerful resignation the pains of age, in joyful waiting for the coming of her Savior.

Mrs. H. L. Robertson, Clerk of Depository, reports the following:

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| Donations from Auxiliary Societies, and friends out of town..... | \$72.00 |
| Received from Sewing schools..... | \$103.56 |
| From friends in the city..... | 147.60 |
| Provisions, furniture, fuel, &c..... | 101 35 |
| Total..... | <u>\$425.13</u> |
| Garments given out from the Depository, 639, val- ued at..... | \$219.28 |
| Total value garments and articles given..... | 240.87 |
| Articles in depository, 306; families aided..... | 153 |

SEWING SCHOOLS.

All the schools except that of the 1st Ward have met together in the City Hall, under the charge of a general Superintendent, Miss Annie C. Maltbie, assisted during the latter part of the winter by Mrs. L. W. Butler. They were reopened about the middle of October; 166 garments have been sent to The Home, 90 given out to scholars, who had made 2 besides, or were needy and deserving of clothing as a gift. Greatest number of scholars, 250; greatest number of teachers, 30. Between 30 and 40 as reported by Mrs. Newell were in attendance, and 112 garments were given out. The children were busy preparing a bed-quilt as a parting gift to one who was to leave in the Spring for another field of labor—whence suddenly in fairer fields she went to garner sheaves. The Festival a glad and joyous time, occurred as usual. Words of cheer and gifts fastened the scene in the remembrance of young and old.

For several years past the number of visitors had proved entirely insufficient, and it had become a question whether the system of visitation must not, of necessity be abandoned. In the words of the Secretary, "Our beloved President, whose zeal and interest in behalf of our Association are untiring, although her feeble health unfits her for active service, strongly urged an adherence to the original system, not entirely upon the benefits resulting to the poor from it, but also upon the reflex influence exerted upon the visitor herself. Her representations prevailed, and the work of visitation was resumed with much energy. Here followed interesting extracts from the reports of Mrs. L. W. Butler, and Mrs. Pierson and Blackman. At this time the city was divided into 75 districts.

Favors and gifts were acknowledged by the Secretary, Mrs. M. M. Truair, who yet plead strongly for more faithful and efficient helpers to go up and possess the land.

MRS. M. M. TRUAIR, Sec'y.

April 10, 1860.

From Treasurer's Report for this year, we extract as follows:

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| Receipts..... | \$8176.37 |
| Disbursements..... | 1419.73 |
| Balance in Treasury..... | 6756 64 |

INDIGENT PROTESTANT WIDOWS' FUND.

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| Amount on hand at last Report..... | \$90.12 |
| Paid for relief of applicants..... | 16 00 |
| Balance on hand..... | \$74.12 |

MARY E. POPE, *Treasurer.*

Officers of the Association for 1860:

Mrs. Mary A. Maltbie. *President.*

Mrs. Lydia Wallace, }
Mrs. Almira Hebbard, } *Vice-Presidents.*

MRS. MARY E. POPE, *Treasurer.*

MRS. J. G. K. TRUAIR, *Secretary.*

MRS. H. L. ROBERTSON, *Clerk of Depository.*

Directresses.

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Mrs. Ursula Fitch, | Mrs. Mary Pierson, |
| " M. E. Leavenworth, | " J. H. Cator, |
| " S. M. Pratt, | " Blackman, |
| " Becker, | " Backus, |
| " Burnham, | " I. O. Fillmore, |
| " L. Pelton, | " Allen Butler, |
| " D. French, | " D. Hotchkiss, |
| " J. B. Tallman, | " Jos. Seymour, |
| " Lyman Clary, | " Pitcher, |
| " J. B. Chase, | " H. J. Sedgwick, |
| " Stephen Avery, | " F. A. Marsh, |
| " Joseph A. Allen, | " Filkins, |
| " Horace White, | " T. R. Porter, |
| " Hamilton White, | " Burr Burton, |
| " E. B. Wicks, | " H. D. Didama, |
| " S. P. Pierce, | " Williams, |
| " M. E. Strieby, | " J. B. Seely, |
| " R. W. Jones, | " Hetfield, |
| " McDougall, | " H. L. Robertson, |
| " Ira H. Cobb, | " Jordan, |
| " C. C. Wynkoop, | " W. M. Clarke, |
| " W. A. Judson, | " Caleb Brown, |
| " M. Beardslee, | " Guy Davis. |
| " J. H. Colvin, | |

Board of Counsellors.

Hiram Putnam, *President.*

C. T. Longstreet, *Vice-President.*

E. W. Leavenworth, *Secretary.*

E. B. Wicks,

T. B. Fitch,

T. R. Porter,

Daniel Pratt.

Horace White,

Hamilton White,

Charles Pope,

J. G. K. Truair,

Russell Hebbard,

Israel S. Spencer.

Daniel Pratt, }
Thomas B. Fitch, } *Auditors.*

EXTRACTS FROM THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mrs. M. M. TRUAIR, *Secretary.*

These records present but few salient points to attract our attention. It is but the same old story of patient effort to relieve the suffering, and assist the worthy, of instruction given to the ignorant and neglected, and the shelter and comforts of a home afforded to the aged, the invalid, and the helpless.

The work has been prosecuted amid many discouragements, unworthiness of objects, fewness and inefficiency of laborers, and still greater arising from unfounded prejudices operating upon the minds of the community, manifested by diminished contributions for the support of the Association. * *

Surely when prejudice and misrepresentation are exerting an influence against us, it is time for our friends to bestir themselves in our behalf.

The following facts will speak for themselves.

The place of Mrs. Williams, who has resigned her charge as Matron of the Home, has been filled by Miss Holdridge, formerly teacher in the Orphan Asylum, and a lady in every way qualified for the position she has taken.

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| Number of inmates in the Home at last Annual Meeting.. | 17 |
| Received during the year..... | 131 |
| Deaths | 3 |
| Dismissed | 128 |
| Remaining at the Home..... | 17 |

Classified as follows :

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|---|-----|
| Widows | 24 |
| Deserted Wives..... | 15 |
| Single Adults | 92 |
| Children | 17 |
| Invalids | 9 |
| Board in whole or part for | 34 |
| Number chargeable to town, county, or city..... | 12 |
| Number chargeable to the Association..... | 102 |

One child has been furnished a permanent home, and 148 girls with places of service. 80 garments have been made in the Home since the 5th of September, 14 of which were comforters.

THE DEPOSITORY.

Mrs. McDougall reports donations for the Depository from Homer, Pompey, Otisco Centre, Idiot Asylum, Sewing Schools and friends in the city, amounting to..... \$133 71

Provisions, furniture, &c..... 51 92

Total..... \$185 63

Given from Depository 265 garments valued at..... 72 09

Families aided 94 |

SEWING SCHOOLS.

Of these, Mrs. L. W. Butler, the faithful and efficient Superintendent, furnishes the report. They were organized as usual. Mrs. I. B. Bonney, Assisting Superintendent; Mrs. C. L. Chandler, Secretary. Mrs. L. M. Burroughs and Mrs. Ford succeeding Mrs. C., who resigned on account of illness. The use of the City Hall was for a time refused by the Common Council, but after much effort and a petition largely signed by our citizens in favor of its use for the schools, their decision was reversed, and it was hoped by great diligence that the lost time might be made up. There was great difficulty found in obtaining regular and permanent teachers, and it was almost feared a speedy abandonment of the work would become necessary. But before this was done, one more effort was resolved upon, which proved successful, and for the latter part of the season neither work or teachers were wanting.

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| Whole number of scholars during the winter | 282 |
| Average attendance..... | 120 |
| Whole number of teachers | 36 |
| Average attendance..... | 17 |
| Number of garments made exclusive of aprons | 194 |
| Number made and unmade given out exclusive of same... | 215 |
| Made and placed in Depository..... | 101 |
| Aprons given at close of school..... | 112 |
| Miscellaneous garments given at close of school | 45 |
| Whole number given out during the winter..... | 327 |
| Whole number made..... | 306 |

Three bed quilts were pieced beside, ready for quilting. The First Ward School had trouble about their room also, finally meeting in Chapel of Presbyterian Church. More than 60 names on their roll, with constant attendance of 5 teachers. 54 garments were given these children to make for themselves, 38 or 40 they have finished and taken home, greatly encouraging their teachers to perseverance and patience.

Mrs. I. STACEY, Superintendent.

The system of visitation it was found impossible to sustain regularly. Mrs. Blackman and Mrs. Pierson, visitors for District No. 3, made full and interesting reports. Others reported individual cases.

We find reference to the death of our late esteemed fellow citizen and constant benefactor, Horace White, Esq., who remembered the Home at his death as he had during his life by his generous legacy of \$2000. Thanks were rendered to the prominent physicians for their gratuitous services during the year—to our journalists for copies of *Journal* and *Standard*.

Allusion was made to the very feeble and precarious state of health of our President. Her bodily presence has been denied us during the past year, but we have received many touching communications in which her spirit has seemed to pour itself upon us from the written words, until we could almost breathe with her the air of the pleasant land of Beulah, and gaze with her across the river to the heavenly city.

Mrs. H. L. Robertson, an active and faithful member of our Board of Managers, has passed from her labors to "the rest that remained for the people of God." Let us learn the lesson which these Providences are designed to teach, and in active benevolence and earnest effort for the good of those about us, wait for the coming of our Lord.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Balance in Treasury at last Annual Report | \$6,756 64 |
| Total amount cash on hand and received..... | 7,723 91 |
| Received legacy from estate of Horace White, Esq , in bonds of Syracuse Water Works Company, 2,000 00 | |
| Disbursements..... | 6,816 20 |
| Balance in the Treasury | 907 71 |
| Balance in the Widows' Fund..... | 57 12 |

ESTIMATED RESOURCES.

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| Real estate (occupied by the Home, 33 Fayette st.).. | \$4,500.00 |
| Bonds of Syracuse Water Works Company..... | 2,000.00 |
| Estimated value of notes, bonds and mortgages, with interest..... | 6,000.00 |
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| | \$12,500.00 |

Respectfully submitted.

MARY E. POPE, *Treasurer.*

Syracuse, April 9, 1861.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER, AND
THE TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
HOME ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church. The attendance was large, and the interest manifested very gratifying. Capt. Hiram Putnam, the first and only President of the Board of Trustees, presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. May. Mrs. Allen Butler, Secretary *pro tem.*, read the Annual Report, and also the Report of the Treasurer. Short but very interesting and appropriate addresses were made by Rev. Mr. May, Rev. Mr. Reid, of the First Ward Presbyterian church, and Mr. David Hawley, City Missionary. After the public exercises were concluded, the ladies of the Association elected the following Board of Officers for the ensuing year.

Officers of the Association for 1861.

MRS. MARY A. MALTBY, *President.*

MRS. E. F. WALLACE, }
MRS. A. R. HEBBARD, } *Vice-Presidents.*

MISS ANNIE C. MALTBY, *Secretary.*

MRS. MARY E. POPE, *Treasurer.*

MRS. D. McDUGALL, *Clerk of Depository.*

EXTRACTS FROM MRS. MALTBY'S LETTER.

To the Syracuse Home Association :

Constrained as I have been by the affectionate urgency of the Board of Managers to retain nominally an office, the duties of which I have long been unable personally to discharge, I must in accordance with their wishes, give some expression of my cordial interest and sympathy on the present occasion. *

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A decade of years has passed since, to use the figure employed in our first Annual Report, "the Association bridged the amazing chasm which separates the extremes of society by the tri-colored arch of Faith, Hope, and Charity." It is fitting that from a retrospective view we should at this stand-point obtain such ideas of the combinations of light and shade, so diligently study our objects and materials, that in the future the illustrated records of the Association may be still more in accordance with the higher and purer light of Him who, shrouded in the vail of our humanity, "came to seek and to save that which was lost." * * * *

How far the objects sought to be attained by this instrumentality have been reached, only those familiar with the details from month to month, and even from day to day through those years can form a correct opinion; although much that affords ground of interest and encouragement may be learned from the reports presented annually to the public. * * *

We claim no merit for the degree of prosperity with which a kind Providence has crowned our efforts. We have achieved nothing which would justify the folding of our hands, and in calm complacency and inaction rest, surveying the past. A beginning has indeed been made, and overwhelming proof is given that it is not too soon. Our hearts and hopes are still strong, although a shadow is sometimes upon us when we miss those who were once our cheerful coadjutors in this labor of love. Shadows are still in the future, as changes will come, and one by one the links that constitute the original circle of managers and members, drop away. Let us hope that each one may be of the true metal, strong and bright, and may an invisible, but indissoluble bond still unite the coming, the going, and the gone in an Association which death never can invade, and where there will be no sorrow to soothe, no pain to relieve, no fears to quell, no tears to wipe away, but where all is peace, quietness and assurance forever.

MARY A. MALTBIE, President.

Syracuse, April 8, 1852.

EXTRACTS FROM TENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1862.

Mrs. L. W. Butler, *Secretary*.

To the Friends and Patrons of the Association:

The shadow upon the dial tells us that we have made another round upon the wheel of time, and must present our Tenth Annual Report. * * *

It has been our privilege to attend sorrowing, suffering humanity through protracted disease down to the tomb, to tell them of the love of Jesus, to see dying hope revive, and the sting of death taken away, and the oft-repeated words of gratitude from dying lips is our abundant reward. "While yet with unshaken confidence relying upon God's promise, the Secretary further says :

"We have still to contend with a tide of blind prejudice that refuses all our offers of enlightenment as to our work, and throws its influence over all classes of society, causing some to withhold their stores, and others to reject our offers of kindness." This having been the experience at some period of every benevolent institution, the Board desired that neither credence or currency should be given to unfavorable reports until their truth had been ascertained by enquiry of those held responsible for the management of the Association. Thus doing all in its power to counteract evil influences, the onward course has been pursued cheerfully and courageously, in firm confidence that the benefits of the Institution are too highly prized to fail of friends in any hour of present or future need.

MATRON'S REPORT.

Miss Holdridge still remains Matron at the Home, and reports as follows :

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| Number of inmates at last Annual Meeting..... | 17 |
| “ Received during the year..... | 141 |
| “ Dismissed | 141 |
| “ Died | 2 |
| “ Remaining..... | 12 |

Classified as follows :

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| Widows..... | 32 |
| Deserted wives..... | 11 |
| Single adults..... | 63 |
| Married..... | 8 |
| Children..... | 27 |
| Invalids..... | 7 |
| Number who have paid whole or in part for board..... | 28 |
| " whose board has been paid by friends..... | 3 |
| " chargeable to town, county, or city..... | 10 |
| " chargeable to the Association..... | 117 |

Two young girls have been furnished with permanent homes, and 130 provided with places of service; 88 garments have been made in the Home during the past year, 6 bedquilts quilted, and 6 comfortables made. Also 40 yards of substantial rag-carpeting, and material prepared for as much more.

From the Clerk of the Depository we have the following :

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|---|----------|
| Donations of clothing, comfortables, quilts, provisions, and crockery from friends in and out of town, valued at..... | \$102.60 |
| Given out 90 garments, valued at..... | 45.45 |
| 55 yards Factory..... | 6.61 |
| 75 yards Calico..... | 6.18 |
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| Aided 44 families. | \$58.24 |

THE SEWING SCHOOLS.

The schools were continued during a great part of the entire year—an interval from June to October—the attendance and interest manifested in them was so great. Mrs. J. B. Bonney, Superintendent; Mrs. L. L. Jordan, Assistant; Mrs. Scott, Secretary. Miss Glass, succeeding her, continuing through the year.

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| From the Secretary's Report we find the whole number | |
| of scholars | 436 |
| Average attendance..... | 195 |
| Whole number teachers..... | 35 |
| Average attendance..... | 32 |
| Whole number garments made..... | 282 |
| Whole number given out, made and unmade..... | 400 |
| Six bed quilts were pieced and put together, and at the Christmas Festival were gathered 350 children. | |

VISITATION.

Much visiting is still done by members of the Board, yet not according to the system proposed, each person acting as almoner of her own bounty. Consequently much that used to pass from our Depository goes directly to supply the immediate need of those visited, and the Association seems to do less, while really more is given than ever before, because of the greater necessities of our community. Co-operation has been sought with the City Missionary, Mr. David Hawley, and the Board have granted him a room in the Home building for a Depository, and he, too, receives and distributes a proportion of such goods as formerly went through our visitors' hands. Such is his especial adaptation to the work, that he is able to learn the peculiar necessities of many who would not tell them to a casual visitor. Contributions were diminished this year, owing to the unhappy condition of our beloved country and the demands in behalf of our suffering soldiery. * * *

Acknowledging the receipt of many favors, with words tenderly appreciative of their beloved President, with hope and encouragement, and stimulated diligence for the future, the Corresponding Secretary concluded her report.

EXTRACTS FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Balance in Treasury at last Annual Report | \$ 907 71 |
| Received within the year | 2001 87 |
| Total | <u>\$2909 58</u> |
| Disbursements | <u>1495 53</u> |
| Balance in the Treasury | \$1414 05 |
| Balance on hand in Widow's Fund | \$69 00 |

ESTIMATED VALUE OF HOME RESOURCES.

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| Real Estate occupied by the Home | \$4500 00 |
| Bonds of Syracuse Water Works Co. | 2000 00 |
| Estimated value of Notes, Bonds and Mortgages, and accumulated interest | 6000 00 |
| Cash in Treasury | <u>1414 05</u> |
| Total Resources | <u>\$13,914 05</u> |

MARY E. POPE, Treasurer.

DATA TAKEN FROM THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MRS. A. R. HEBBARD, Sec'y, Pro Tem.

We will endeavor to present a summary of what has been accomplished through our varied instrumentalities during the last twelve months, and we give it in the name of those to whom it has been, and we trust will continue to be, a blessing. The year has been like its predecessors, one of mingled hopes and discouragements. The tramp of armies has not yet passed away, and the mourning of many a Rachel goes up from broken hearts and desolate homes. Voices of suffering are yet

heard in *our midst*, and sick beds and sorrowing hearts, beside those whom we too would aid in camp and hospital. * * *

We have sought out and relieved the deserted, the suffering, the aged and enfeebled; some by donations, and others have enjoyed the comforts and Christian influences of our Home. During this year the services of Mrs. J. M. Willetts were secured as Matron, who seemed to possess the very requisites for making this Home a comfort and blessing to all. She reports as follows :

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| Number inmates of the Home at the last Annual meeting | 15 |
| Received during the year | 149 |
| Dismissed | 145 |
| Died | 3 |
| Remaining in the Home..... | 16 |

They are classified as

| | |
|--|-----|
| Widows | 22 |
| Deserted wives..... | 6 |
| Single adults..... | 53 |
| Married | 22 |
| Children and young girls..... | 46 |
| Number of invalids..... | 13 |
| " whose board was paid in whole or part..... | 6 |
| " " " " " by friends..... | 1 |
| " chargeable to town, county or city..... | 18 |
| " chargeable to the Association..... | 124 |

J. M. WILLETTS, Matron.

The advanced price of cotton goods prevented the purchase of material and making up of as many garments, or as much bedding as in former years, still 206 garments, 17 yards of calico, 27 yards of muslin, 4 yards of gingham, 3 comfortables and a quilt have passed through the Depository to those needing, and 40 yards of carpeting have been manufactured. Some of these were made at the Home, and others were given by friends of the Institution. The system of visitation appears to have been partially suspended, as the City Missionary, Mr. Hawley, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian

Association, has largely occupied our field of labor in this direction, though there is yet much voluntary visiting by the ladies of the Board. The ladies of the First Presbyterian Church have met each alternate week at the Home, during the winter of this year, to make and repair garments for the poor, furnishing their own materials, and placing in the city Missionary's Depository \$6.00 and 170 garments. Many baskets of refreshments, the residuum of their ample entertainments, gave much enjoyment to the inmates of the Home; and the looked-for gatherings were a pleasant break in the monotony of many an invalid life.

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The work here, too, was circumscribed, as it was found it could not be sustained upon the former system, viz: that of giving the children the garments they made; yet, unwilling to lose the opportunity of gathering them together, it was concluded to open the school, with no promise of reward save the instruction they should receive. The School was opened December 13th, at the City Hall, Mrs. J. B. Bonney, Superintendent, Miss. S. C. Glass, Secretary. Twelve teachers and 55 scholars, increasing soon to 200. The children attending were of much better grade than formerly, seeming to desire to improve the opportunity thus afforded them, and it was quite surprising to see with what alacrity they entered into the work, plying their busy fingers in patching quilts for the old ladies at the Home, or knitting stockings for some poor child who had none, and by this lesson in practical benevolence they were made happy. Notwithstanding a great deficiency of teachers, the school met regularly for fifteen weeks.

The Secretary of the Association acknowledges most munificent donations received on New Years, of money, household goods and provisions, making that a golden day in the annals of the Home.

Acknowledgments were also rendered for gratuitous ser-

vices from Drs. Clary, Corbin, Hawley and Bigelow, to the City Officers for use of City Hall, to those who have freely sent us the *Journal* and *Standard*, and given us a letter-box free of charge. We have received a hundred bushels of coke from P. W. Fobes, Esq., a parlor stove from Mrs. Vroman, and a quantity of bread from Mechanic's Fair.

"Faint though pursuing," we shall never yield to discouragement in this good work. Identified with it, we shall look forward to see the stream of its influence widening, and doing incalculable good long after those instrumental in establishing it, have responded to the loving call of their Heavenly Father, "Child of God, your earthly mission is accomplished, come up higher!"

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Balance in Treasury at the last Annual Report..... | \$1414 05 |
| Total receipts..... | 1487 78 |
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| | \$2901 83 |
| Total disbursements..... | 1286 80 |
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| Balance in Treasury..... | \$1615 03 |

WIDOW'S FUND.

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| On hand at last Report..... | \$69 00 |
| Since received..... | 40 00 |
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| Total..... | \$109 00 |

MARY E. POPE, Treasurer.

Syracuse, April 14th, 1863.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1864.

(Written by the Secretary, Mrs Eunice E. Skinner.)

“They never fall who die,
 In a great cause ; the block may soak their gore,
 Their heads may sodden in the sun ; their limbs
 Be strung to city gates, and castle walls,—
 But still their spirit walks abroad,—
 Though years elapse, and others share as dark a doom,
 They but augment the deep and sweeping thoughts
 Which overpower all others, and conduct the world at last
 to Freedom.”

We can present to your view no great achievements, no heroic deeds which shall fire the imagination. Ours are the gentle ministrations of love, felt often to the heart's core, but which no words can describe, which we sought to perform in the name of our Blessed Master. * *

Liberal generous friends have ever been ready with their offerings, and our table was never more bountifully spread. Not only have we rejoiced in this, but our hearts have been cheered by the pleasing evidence of increased confidence and appreciation of our efforts by our most worthy and reliable citizens. Where so many are worthy of honorable mention, we cannot forbear expressing our gratitude to the Hon. A. P. Granger for his most timely donation of \$100.

MATRON'S REPORT.

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| Number of inmates of the Home at the last Annual Meeting | 16 |
| Received during the year..... | 137 |
| Dismissed..... | 119 |
| Died | 4 |
| Remaining in the Home..... | 15 |

These persons classify as follows :

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|---|-----|
| Widows..... | 26 |
| Deserted wives..... | 9 |
| Single adults..... | 38 |
| Married..... | 12 |
| Young girls and children..... | 40 |
| Invalids .. | 9 |
| Number whose board was paid in whole or part..... | 8 |
| " for whom friends have paid..... | 2 |
| " chargeable to town, county, or city..... | 11 |
| " chargeable to the Association..... | 116 |

Most respectfully submitted.

J. M. WILLETTS, Matron.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The school was again opened in the City Hall, November 7th, under the efficient superintendence of Mrs. Jason Hoyt, and was very fully attended, notwithstanding the incentive afforded by the distribution of a part of the garments made was withdrawn in consequence of the almost fabulous prices of cotton goods. Miss Ada G. Barnes, the Secretary of the school reports :

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| The whole number of teachers during the term..... | 21 |
| " " " scholars..... | 247 |
| Average attendance of teachers..... | 10 |
| " " scholars..... | 81 |

making the attendance of both teachers and scholars greater than that of last year. The Christmas Festival passed pleasantly, and the beautiful cards (the gift of Mrs. R. G. Wynkoop,) the bountiful supply of cakes and apples provided for each child, made her happiness complete. Miscellaneous exercises by the children, and addresses by several gentlemen, added interest to the occasion, and could every good citizen of Syracuse have witnessed that assembly of little ones, as with folded hands and reverent faces, their infant voices chimed "Our Father," never should we plead again for our Industrial School.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Are due to Drs. Clary, Kinne, Hawley, Bigelow, Mercer and Corbin for gratuitous professional services, also to the Mayor and Common Council for the use of the City Hall ; and to P. H. Agan, Esq., for a box in the Post Office. We are indebted to the Proprietors of the *Journal* and *Standard*, for copies of their paper, and for gratuitous publication of our advertisements during the year. With touching reference to their invalid President, "whom though not restored to health, God graciously spares to enrich us by her counsels, and bring down more abundant blessings by her prayers, and the expressed desire that those upon whom the Master has conferred an abundance of the things of this life, should remember that 'he who considereth the poor is blessed, and has promise of deliverance in the day of trouble,'" the Report is concluded.

Syracuse, April 12, 1864.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Balance in Treasury at the time of last Annual Report | \$1615.05 |
| Total receipts for the year..... | 3796.70 |
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| | \$5411.75 |
| Total expenses for the year..... | \$1128.01 |
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| Balance in the Treasury..... | \$4283.74 |
| Balance in the Widow's Fund..... | \$104.10 |

Respectfully submitted.

MARY E. POPE, Treasurer.

Syracuse, April 14, 1864.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Thirteenth Anniversary exercises of the Association were held at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, Judge Pratt presiding. The attendance was full, and the interest manifested extremely gratifying. The Annual Report was read by the Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Brewster, who mentioned the reluctant acceptance of the Board's former Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Skinner, regretting the continued absence on account of illness of their President, Mrs. Maltbie, also that of Mrs. M. M. Truair. During the past year also Mrs. Pope, the Treasurer, for many years had felt also constrained by deep affliction to give up her post of duty. Thus many changes had taken place, and still other places were vacant on account of serious illness in the families of those who had filled them. After referring to some details of the work of the Association, We hope says the Secretary, for an enlarged liberality, not having yet reached that "divine" state in which, according to Socrates, "one wants nothing." She alludes to "the evils ever following in the train of disbanded armies," and says, "we should then gird ourselves anew for every good word and work, not only seeking to alleviate suffering, but as far as possible to prevent it by furnishing employment, with adequate remuneration for those who may be tempted to a dishonest course, or a profligate life. A suggestion was also made concerning a new Home.

The following data were given by the Clerk of the Depository.

Given from the Depository, 180 garments, 8 comforters, and bed-quilts valued at \$30; also cloth to the amount of \$100, and 237 yards of calico, \$80, purchased for the Industrial School garments; \$32 given to the poor.

MATRON'S REPORT.

Mrs. Willetts reports as follows :

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| Number of inmates in the Home at last Annual Meeting.. | 15 |
| Received during the year..... | 150 |
| Dismissed | 97 |
| Died..... | 1 |

The persons are classified as follows :

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| Widows | 24 |
| Deserted wives..... | 10 |
| Single adults..... | 52 |
| Married | 10 |
| Young girls and children..... | 24 |
| Invalids..... | 11 |
| Number whose board was partially or wholly paid..... | 10 |
| For whom friends have paid..... | 1 |
| Number chargeable to town, county, or city..... | 8 |
| Number chargeable to the Association..... | 101 |

Of the Home family the Matron says, "it is now as it always has been, composed of females of all ages, from the girl of ten to the matron of ninety, in all stages of infirmity. Several of them are totally blind ; others are nearly so. Some are confined to their beds ; others to their rooms ; others can go about the house, but over all a spirit of grateful cheerfulness prevails. The records of our 24 widows tell a tale of sorrow and mourning of household lights gone out, but the deserted wives speak of trials even more grievous to be borne than burying our dead from sight. Truly they who minister to the comfort of such as these are following in the footsteps of our Divine Master."

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The Industrial School under the auspices of the Association, was opened early in the season, under the faithful superintendence of Mrs. Jason Hoyt, and an efficient corps of teachers Miss Ada G. Barnes, the Secretary, reports—

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|---|-----|
| The whole number of teachers during the term..... | 25 |
| Whole number of scholars..... | 330 |
| Average attendance of teachers..... | 9 |
| Average attendance of scholars..... | 90 |

She acknowledges gifts from many friends.

The Secretary of the Association also renders thanks to our city Physicians, Journalists, Mayor and Common Council, also to Mr. D. French, for gratuitous kindnesses shown the Association.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Report for this year was presented and read at the Annual Meeting by the Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Brewster. Its results are characterized by the same persistent effort on the part of the Managers of the Association to do good as they found opportunity, "to occupy the broad field of benevolent effort, and to bid its waste places bud and blossom" for Him, "who for our sake Himself became poor, that through his poverty *all* might become rich." So careful had been the management, that notwithstanding high prices of household necessities, and somewhat restricted liberality, every expense had been met, with no encroachment upon the general fund. Reference was made to the decease of Mr. Hamilton White, the record of whose continued munificence toward the Association is written on their hearts, as well as perpetuated in marble. Mrs. Mary E. Pope, for nearly twelve years Treasurer of the Board, had speedily followed to her long rest her most estimable and respected husband, who also was a warm friend of the Home cause. Those always surrounded by affluence, upon whom the chill hand of want has never fallen, cannot realize how delightful such a retreat may be, to persons who have here sought shelter from its pitiless pressure; whose sincere expressions of peaceful content so often rejoice the heart of faithful workers. Of those who found a temporary refuge at this period, were a

number who were orphans, or half orphans. A child driven from its home by brutal treatment, was found exhausted with weeping, in the street, where she had spent several nights, and brought to the Home. Others, tried and tempted, have here found an asylum in which beauty of person, or mind, need no longer be an open door to the snare of the fowler. One forsaken by a depraved mother, and another whose father lingered to death in Andersonville prison, found here loving care and household mercies,

MATRON'S REPORT.

Mrs. Willetts the Matron reports;

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| Number of inmates in the Home at last Annual meeting | 15 |
| Received during the year | 139 |
| Dismissed | 108 |
| Died | 1 |
| Remaining in the Home..... | 18 |

They classify as follows :

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| Widows | 31 |
| Deserted wives..... | 6 |
| Single adults..... | 55 |
| Married | 8 |
| Children and young girls..... | 39 |
| Number of invalids..... | 8 |
| " whose board was wholly or partially paid..... | 14 |
| " chargeable to town, county or city..... | 8 |
| " chargeable to the Association..... | 119 |

J. M. WILLETTS, Matron.

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY.

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| Received 1 trunk of clothing, (Mrs. Judge Morgan) | |
| valued at..... | \$12.63 |
| " 95 garments from others, valued at..... | 30.68 |
| " D. McCarthy, Keene & Co., 44 yards sheeting | |
| 40 calico..... | 23.40 |
| " a friend, 6 yards calico..... | 1 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$67.91 |
| Distributed 114 garments valued..... | 43.21 |
| 155 yards sheeting, 230 yards calico..... | 115.55 |
| Needles, thread and thimbles..... | 9.85 |
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| Total..... | \$168.71 |
| Total distribution reported by Visitors..... | 33.67 |
| From Depository..... | 168.71 |
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| Total..... | \$202.38 |
| Remaining in Depository 18 garments..... | 6.00 |
| 40 yards cotton cloth, 60 yards calico..... | 26.60 |
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| Total..... | \$32.60 |

L. W. BUTLER, *Clerk of Depository.*

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The attendance has been large, the teachers devoted. Mrs. Jason Hoyt still superintends with great acceptance, while instructing the children in the knowledge of much that is excellent beside sewing. Mrs. Cherry, (Miss A. G. Barnes) reports the roll list as containing 300 names, with an average attendance of 280. Mr. John Crouse gave them two pieces of calico for their Christmas Aprons, for which he is kindly remembered.

The Secretary of the Association acknowledges most liberal gifts upon Thanksgiving Day, also from Mr. P. W. Fobes, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Kendall, Miss King, Mrs. E. B. Wicks, Mr. Whitbread, Mrs. F. C. Loomis and Mrs. Porter, donations in money, and for the laundry. Also the kindness of many friends for papers sent, and gratuitous publication of Home Notices, and especial mention of gratuitous services rendered by many medical friends, and others.

An earnest appeal was presented at this time for an enlarged generosity on the part of our citizens, to enable the Association to enlarge its borders, and erect a building upon larger grounds, in order to secure a better atmosphere than the heated heart of our city affords for those under its care. An additional plea for more space was urged in the desire of the Association, seconded by their President, for the room and opportunity to furnish employment to many females, who by help in this direction, would soon become self-supporting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Cash on hand April 1, 1865..... | \$48.35 |
| Received for Board and Intelligence Fees..... | 298.07 |
| Received for donations, and annual subscriptions.... | 16.39 |
| Received from E. W. Leavenworth..... | 1370.00 |
| Total..... | \$1732 81 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Disbursed..... | \$1665.52 |
| Cash remaining in Matron's hands..... | 10.53 |
| “ “ “ Mrs. French's hands..... | 6.66 |
| “ “ “ Treasurer's hands..... | 50.10 |
| Total..... | \$1732.81 |
| Stationery, Mrs. Brewster..... | 2.50 |

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH J. JUDSON, *Treasurer.*

MEMORANDA OF THE FIFTEENTH YEAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MRS. S. C. BREWSTER, Secretary.

Of this year it may be said, that not yet were realized all the desires of the managers of the Association. The hoped-for new Home, with ample room and perfected arrangements, was still a part of the city of the future. As in years gone by changes had been continually occurring among those who rejoiced in this branch of benevolent effort, so in this also. In the gathered Association familiar faces were missed, and their accustomed seats occupied by others. Out from this circle of sweet christian charities had passed a beloved friend, Mrs. Hamilton White, a noble and generous minded woman, who never failed to realize in her stewardship of "many things," the claim of Him who bestowed them. Long and tenderly will her memory be cherished. Many incidents, it is said, might be given by the present beneficiaries of the Home, of whose deep gratitude to those warm hearts who have shown them sympathy in word and deed, mention alone is made.

THE MATRON'S REPORT.

Mrs. Willetts, the esteemed and efficient Matron, reports:—

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| Number inmates in the Home at last Annual Meeting.... | 15 |
| " admitted during the year..... | 137 |
| " dismissed | 116 |
| " still at the Home..... | 21 |
| Classified as follows: | |
| Widows | 29 |
| Deserted Wives..... | 9 |
| Single Adults | 49 |
| Married | 7 |
| Young girls and children..... | 43 |
| Invalids | 14 |

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|--|-----|
| Number who paid entire or partial board..... | 13 |
| “ chargeable to town, county, or city..... | 9 |
| “ charged to the Home Association | 115 |

1 blind; 2 nearly so. Oldest, 93; Youngest, 13.

Mrs. J. M. WILLETTS, Matron.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The full attendance, industry, and good demeanor of the classes delighted all. Mrs. Jason Hoyt had still the superintendence, and Mrs. Cherry still filled the post of Secretary, held by her for seven years. She reports:

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|---|-----|
| Number of teachers..... | 34 |
| “ “ scholars..... | 230 |
| Average attendance of teachers..... | 20 |
| “ “ “ scholars..... | 150 |
| Number of garments made exclusive of aprons | 194 |

REPORT FROM DEPOSITORY.

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| Received from friends in the city 205 garments, valued at..... | \$ 80 00 |
| Christmas gift from Mr. Crouse, 83 yards sheeting, 90 yards calico..... | 36 95 |
| New Years from D. McCarthy, Keene & Co., 80 yards sheeting, 20 yards flannel..... | 26 09 |
| From Mr. Drake, 30 yards calico..... | 8 19 |
| Received from Mrs. John Crouse, 1 piece of calico. | |
| Purchased by Committee, 314 yards sheeting, 116 yards calico..... | 99 38 |
| Total | \$250 61 |

GIVEN FROM THE DEPOSITORY.

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 132 garments, valued at..... | \$ 50 00 |
| 483 yards sheeting | 119 70 |
| 231 " calico | 41 58 |
| 20 " cotton flannel..... | 6 09 |
| 6 comfortables..... | 30 00 |
| Total value | <u>\$247 37</u> |

REMAINING IN DEPOSITORY.

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|---|----------------|
| 72 worn garments, in value. | \$ 30 00 |
| 10 new " " | 6 00 |
| 39 yards sheeting, 14 yards calico..... | 12 55 |
| Total | <u>\$48 55</u> |

With Respect,

MRS. L. W. BUTLER.

 THE CITY HOSPITAL.

During this year an earnest effort was made to establish in our city, what had been greatly needed for a number of years, viz: a City Hospital; and those most interested, greatly desired to unite the enterprise with, or to secure the co-operation of this Association, in the furtherance of this design. It was with much regret on the part of many of the managers, that the decision was reached, that such action was inadvisable.

The Secretary acknowledges gratefully, in behalf of the Board, many generous and timely gifts, which brightened the Holiday hours; also, the continuance of many favors hitherto shown.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

O. Ballard, Treasurer of the Syracuse Home Association,
reports as follows :

1866.

| | |
|--|------------|
| April 1st, cash balance in Syracuse National Bank... | \$3.529 48 |
| “ 12th, deposited by E. W. Leavenworth..... | 144 56 |
| May 1st, for interest on Syracuse Water Works Co's bonds, (\$2000.) | 70 00 |
| “ 9th, From Central City Dramatic Association.. | 31 34 |
| June 26, For int'st on Mrs. P. Burdick's bond & mortgage | 35 00 |
| July 13, For int'st on H. T. Sackett's bond & mortgage | 21 00 |
| “ 18th, For interest on H. A. Dillaye's bond and mortgage | 24 50 |
| August 11th, From Mrs. John Wilkinson..... | 25 00 |
| Sept. 5, For ints't on Mrs. P. Burdick's bond & mortgage | 35 00 |
| Nov. 8th, “ “ Syracuse Water Works Co. bonds... | 245 00 |
| December 3d, From C. T. Longstreet | 200 00 |
| “ 13th, Samuel Mead's note and interest .. | 127 06 |

1867

| | |
|---|---------|
| January 2d, Contributions of January 1st | 264 00 |
| “ “ For interest on H. T. Sackett's bond .. | 21 00 |
| “ 12th, From Mrs. C. L. Chandler..... | 19 00 |
| “ 25th “ Onondaga County for 1865..... | 316 92 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1866..... | 312 00 |
| “ “ “ the State | 100 86 |
| Feb. 2, For int'st on Mary Johonnot's bond & mortgage | 14 00 |
| Feb. 13, For interest on E. M. Ford's bond & mortgage | 52 50 |
| February 14th, From town of Onondaga | 78 00 |
| “ 26th, For principal of Mrs. P. Bur- dick's bond and mortgage..... | 1000 00 |
| February 26th, For interest on Mrs P. Bur- dick's bond and mortgage to date..... | 34 04 |
| March 12th, From Mrs. Chandler, for annual subscription of members | 8 00 |
| March 16, For int'st on H. A. Dillaye's bond & mortgage | 24 50 |
| April 1st, By interest on account to date..... | 239 47 |

Amounting in all to the sum of.....\$6972 23

The following sums have been paid during the year :

1866.

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|---------------|--|-----------|
| April 2nd, | To Cash paid to Secretary's order..... | \$ 100 00 |
| May 7th, | " " " for Insurance | 20 00 |
| " 11th, | " " " to Secretary's order..... | 150 00 |
| " 15th, | " " " for water rent..... | 11 25 |
| June 9th, | " " " for gas | 7 99 |
| " 15th, | " " " Mrs. Chandler, Sec- retary Pro Tem..... | 285 00 |
| July 12th, | To Cash paid to Secretary's order | 50 00 |
| August 15th, | " " " " | 235 00 |
| September 3d, | " " " for gas..... | 3 29 |
| " 4th, | " " " Mrs. Chandler..... | 5 00 |
| " 13th, | " " " Secretary's order..... | 60 00 |
| October 15th, | " " " " | 130 00 |
| November 23d, | " " " " | 70 00 |
| " " | " " " Mrs. Chandler | 5 00 |
| December 5th, | " " " for gas | 10 34 |
| " 14th, | " " " Secretary's order..... | 200 00 |

1867.

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|---------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| January 12th, | " " " " | 130 00 |
| February 6th, | " " " for water rent..... | 9 00 |
| " 18th, | " " " Secretary's order | 60 00 |
| March 4th, | " " " Water Co., (for repairs).... | 2 00 |
| " " | " " " for gas | 11 63 |
| " 14th, | " " " Secretary's order | 90 00 |

Amounting in all to the sum of.....\$1645 50

Leaving to the credit of the Syracuse Home
Association in the Syracuse Nat'l Bank,

April 1st, 1867, the sum of.....\$5326 73

The following securities are now in the hands of the Treas-
urer, viz :—

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| Mary L. Johonnot's bond and mortgage | \$400 00 |
| E. M. Ford's " " | 750 00 |
| Henry A. Dillaye's " " | 700 00 |
| H. T. Sackett's " " | 600 00 |

The interest on all these bonds and mortgages has been paid
to January 1st, 1867.

Bonds of the Syracuse Water Works Co., including \$5000 received from the executors of Hamilton White's estate, and interest from November 1st, 1866.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. BALLARD,

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

For the year ending March 31st, 1867.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| To Cash on hand April 1st, 1867 | \$ 50 00 |
| “ surplus collection at Annual Meeting | 26 |
| “ donations and subscriptions | 46 00 |
| “ interest on mortgage | 14 00 |
| “ board and Intelligence fees | 234 53 |
| “ Cash received from O. Ballard, Treasurer | 1470 00 |
| Total | \$1814 89 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|--|-----------|
| Paid for dry goods | \$ 169 78 |
| “ groceries and provisions | 623 08 |
| “ repairs, lumber, labor &c. | 334 82 |
| “ Matron's salary | 250 00 |
| “ furniture | 9 00 |
| “ printing report | 12 50 |
| “ hardware, | 22 38 |
| “ indigent persons (from Widow's Funds) | 10 00 |
| “ City Missionary | 5 00 |
| “ fuel | 130 25 |
| “ expended by Matron | 220 99 |
| “ cash remaining in Matron's hands | 23 34 |
| “ “ “ Treasurer's hands | 3 75 |

\$1814 89

Mrs. Brewster's stationery and postage

2 75

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHAS. L. CHANDLER,

Treasurer of Board of Managers.

THE EIGHTEENTH OR MEMORIAL YEAR.

The *Eighteenth*, might fittingly be called the *memorial* year of the Association, witnessing as it did, the completion of a fair and stately edifice, adapted in every respect to further all branches of christian effort under its fostering care. Therefore says Mrs. C. B. Miller, "At the close of the eighteenth year of the existence of this Association, it becomes the agreeable duty of your Secretary to chronicle a marked advancement in the progress of its work—an enlargement of its borders, 'a lengthing of its cords and strengthening of its stakes.' For the past three years and a half, our endeavors to shelter the homeless and unprotected, have been greatly curtailed by our insufficient accommodations.

How greatly changed their prospects, when during the interval between the Dedication, February 2nd, 1870, and the ensuing 10th of March, most of the private rooms of the beautiful building were "furnished completely and handsomely, through the beneficence of churches and individuals." During this year, after the failure to establish a Magdalen Asylum in this city, efforts were made to combine a Reformatory, with other objects of Home work, subjecting the latter, it was found to such vital risk that it was decided best to discontinue the attempt. During this year occurred the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. The Rules for the management of the Home, some of which had proved inadequate, were amplified, and such as were necessary, owing to changes in the circumstances of the Institution, added.

In the death of Mrs R. G. Wynkoop, the Board lost a wise counsellor and co-operator, and the poor a faithful friend. Another friend of "The Home," Mrs. Harriet D. Lee, called up higher, in the appropriate furnishing of a room, left a lasting token of her regard for it. Four Sewing Schools were sustained during this year. 320 scholars from them gathered at the

Home early in March, where they were made happy by simple gifts, and a package of good things. They had accomplished a considerable amount of work, and generous supplies of clothing had been furnished the needy. To the prosperity of this work during the past year, were given the services of many of those who wrought with zealous faithfulness, during the "foundation years" of this Association, and the general interest in the work rejoiced all hearts. For generous contributions and gratuitous services, many thanks were rendered. In no spirit of self gratulation or vain compliment, might we here well allude to the long-continued, and loyal service that has been unselfishly rendered the Association, by its Executive, Receiving and Purchasing Committees, as well as the various officers who have been specially elected for shorter periods, to its Secretary and Treasurerships. They have formed a noble Guard of Honor, whose sterling discrimination, whose candid sense of justice and tender and broad benevolence has proved them a bulwark, against which the waves of prejudice or contumely must dash in vain. It might seem invidious to particularize as to those among the Managers and Counsellors, whose persistent personal effort secured to the Institution the Building and Endowment Fund. The record of their faithful service is perpetuated on the tablets of Eternity, and surely, if he who gives but a cooling draught to one of God's "little ones" shall not fail of reward, theirs shall be proportionally great.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

O. Ballard, Treasurer of Syracuse Home Association, reports as follows :

Receipts for year ending April 1st, 1870.....\$39,980 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| To Cash paid on drafts of E. W. Leavenworth | \$32,917 52 |
| “ “ “ “ of Mrs. C. B. Millier, Sec’y | 2,060 00 |
| To cash paid D. Elliott’s bills, for printing, water, gas, coal, collection, interest on loan at Onondaga Co. Savings Bank, loan at Mechanic’s National Bank. | 5,002 67 |
| Amounting in all to the sum of. | \$37,215 11 |
| Balance of cash on hand | 2,765 08 |
| The Treasurer also holds securities amounting to | \$8,850 00 |
| Mrs. C. L. Chandler submitted a clear and full report, as Treasurer of the Board of Managers, for the year ending April 1st, 1870. | |

SUMMARY OF THE NINETEENTH, TWENTIETH,
TWENTY-FIRST, AND TWENTY-SECOND
YEARS.

So similar is the record of the four succeeding years, so even has been the movement of the Home proceedings, that there are few salient points for the pen to touch. Those who had long and faithfully labored for its welfare, with straitened resources, against thoughtless or wilful misrepresentation, felt, that standing on broad foundations, the gift of generous and discriminating minds, God had granted them a tangible and convincing proof that He blessed and smiled upon their work. They believe their great desire now to be by earnest striving to accomplish all that He may rightfully expect of those to whom so much has been given. Many avenues of benevolence have been more recently opened and broadened, to a degree diverting the alms and efforts of many from whom heretofore

aid has been received for the Home work, and its scope has been somewhat narrowed and condensed consequently.

The Young Mens' Christian Association in the empyloyment of their City Missionary, first trenched upon this centre of benevolent effort.

During these years the thanks of the Board were largely due to Mr. Hawley, and to Rev Mr Emens, for many kindnesses shewn to them and their Matron, during the period when their rooms were at the Home building, most especially to the latter gentlemen for earnest and cordial co-operation, wherein it was possible for him to extend to them a helping hand, thereby proving himself always a discriminating and efficient laborer among the poor of our city. The Bible Readers' Association has also made its work largely felt in the same direction, and its monthly meetings are held at the Home parlors, while the hearts of those to whom that blessed word is light and life are rejoiced by the large measure of success with which God has crowned this effort. The establishment of several churches and Mission Schools still more diminished the number of reliable teachers, whom during the latter years of the Sewing Schools sustained by the Association, it was found so difficult to obtain; consequently these schools were suspended until a favorable time should point to their resumption. The Hospital work has been nobly attempted, and carried on, and the sick and wounded have there found kind care and sympathy. The system of visitation as originally laid out, in the early years of Home work, has been dropped, although the visitation at the Home is very frequent and regular. The number of permanent inmates is very considerably increased, and the transient persons who come there seeking rest, shelter, or care, are still more numerous. The Intelligence Office is the oft-sought medium of relief from domestic pressure, and under the care of Matrons who have all striven zealously with their best efforts to secure the largest measure of comfort to those committed to their charge, "The Home has never ceased to be a joy to many weary waiting hearts. Yet more closely

allied to the early Home-work is that of the Ladies' Employment Society with which many of the Home Board are connected.

Their aim is the furnishing of sewing to the poor, such as they are capable of doing, for which reasonable rates are paid. The members of this society also meet at the Home weekly to prepare and give out work. In the warm flush of their youthful vigor, they are each like mountain streams, flowing down from Home heights, and hastening side by side into the great sea of christian benevolence. To the inmates during these years, the holding of the Church Sociables at the Home weekly, during the winter season, has occasioned a pleasing break in the monotony so often settling down upon the aged and infirm. The coming in of so many new faces, and the variety of delicacies shared, or left behind, cheered the hearts, and stimulated gratefully the appetites of many an invalid. During the last year death has claimed many of the aged inmates, some of them long resident in the Home, gratefully and joyfully past thence into the heavenly mansion, wherein the memory of want or sorrow can never reach them more. From out the devoted band of christian men who for many years seldom failed to gather on the Sabbath afternoons at the Home parlors, earnest faces are missed, and voices that trembled with the breath of inspiration are hushed on earth, but have joined the unending chorus of heaven's praise. How many a suppliant soul has been strengthened by that service, even with the broken song of the aged worshipers!

Looking backward upon the way in which God has been leading us during more than twenty years, we behold the few earnest hearts who began this enterprise, while for its perpetuity and usefulness, their fervent and effectual prayers besieged the very heart of God. His answer of love has spanned our sky; assaulted, He has defended, He has largely enabled us to succor "the poor that cried, the needy, and *her* that had no helper."

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| The number of persons aided by our organization from its commencement, is as follows :..... | 2756 |
| Of these were Widows..... | 560 |
| Deserted wives..... | 162 |
| Young girls and Children..... | 673 |
| Number of invalids..... | 210 |
| " chargeable to the Association..... | 2006 |
| " chargeable to town, county or city..... | 668 |

How many of those who bore the heat and burden of the early Home work, have passed out of our ranks to wear the crown of victor on heavenly fields? Yet clearly recorded on recollection's roll we find the names of Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Maltbie, Mrs. Hamilton White, Mrs. Wynkoop, Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Truair; of Messrs. Hamilton White, Horace White, Charles Pope, Russell Hebbard, E. B. Wicks, Ira H. Cobb, and David French, whose earnestness and fidelity to our cause may well stimulate us to follow with renewed zeal in their footsteps. During the past year, (1871) by the death of Mrs. Emily M. Davis, we have lost one of the early and constant friends of our work, to whose every department she had contributed. An invalid for thirty-seven years, her ear was ever open to the cry of want and suffering, and her memory will long be green in the hearts of those who loved her. She has left us a legacy wherewith to perpetuate her blessed influence. Mrs. Calvin Pierson, one of the originators of this Association, has testified to her love and regard for the Institution, by placing upon our walls as life-like a portrait as could be obtained, of our first beloved and honored President. The late Mrs. N. Hollister has presented to us a fine collection of religious and miscellaneous books. It is particularly gratifying to speak of the late Mr. James P. Haskin's bequest of \$5,000. Unsought, and unexpected, are not such gifts substantial proofs of the position our Home holds in the hearts of our citizens? For each of these years, acknowledgements are due to those whose kindly courtesies have enlarged our com-

forts, and lessened our expenses, to many of our most prominent city Physicians and Journalists, indeed to all who have lent us their aid to solace the declining years of our aged inmates.

A change has taken place in our domestic arrangements. Mrs. J. M. Willetts, who for more than ten years was our faithful Matron, has been compelled to relinquish her post by ill health. Her resignation called forth many sincere expressions of regret at the necessity which forced her to sever her relations with the Home, and appropriate resolutions were adopted, expressive of the appreciation in which she was held by the Board. She was succeeded by Mrs. Mary Sherman, who "faithful over many things," was also succeeded by Mrs. M. B. Curtis. The present number of permanent inmates is 40. During one of these years, Mrs. Armstrong Maltbie was President, preceded and succeeded by Mrs. Allen Butler, who, always judicious and efficient, has been thoroughly educated in the service of the Home Board, having been Manager Superintendent of its Sewing Schools, its Corresponding Secretary, Clerk of its Depository, Secretary, and thrice its elected President. With its full Board of 64 members, its Executive of eleven members representing eleven of the sixteen denominations, whose Managers compose the entirety, with its honorable Board of Trustees and Counsellors in its financial management, may not their past so full of gratifying results be but an earnest of the harvest of blessing which God has promised to those who honor Him by the care of the lowly and the aged, whom we have always with us.

Let us not however, like eastern pilgrims, wandering at will in a garden of spices, beguiled by the subtle odors, lie down at noontide, forgetting that before us there is yet more land which God has commanded us to "go up and possess," before it may be ours to kneel and worship in the Mecca of our rest!

MEMORANDA OF THE SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH YEARS.

Very soon after the Annual Meeting of 1867, on the ensuing 15th of April, Mrs. Mary A. Maltbie, so long the endeared President of the Association, was called away from all earthly labor, even from the "waiting work" to which for many years the life of an invalid had greatly confined her. Constrained by the urgent solicitations of the Board of Managers, she had continued to be its President when unable, except occasionally, to preside over its deliberations. During this period, by frequent conference with the Officers and Managers, by messages of loving interest, wise suggestion as to every mode of pressing onward each branch of Home work, she failed not each month unless debarred by extreme illness to encourage and stimulate to enlarged and persistent effort. Though absent in the body, it was felt that she was present in spirit, and all esteemed it a privilege and delight to carry out as far as might be the results of her deliberations. Removed from the pressure of life's perplexing cares, she had beheld in clear retrospect the results of all efforts made in connection with the Home. She saw the increased need of room and means demanded by our growing population, and it had long been her desire that some strenuous efforts should be made for their acquisition. There was something very saddening to the hearts of those who knew how earnestly she had prayed and striven for this end to the extent of her power, that the matter lay still in embryo when she passed away. Yet her strong faith never failed that He who had made those faithful co-workers possessors of "a few things," would ultimately make them "rulers over many things."

The following Memorial Resolutions were passed by the Executive Boards of Managers of the Association:

Resolved, That the wide-spread sorrow which is felt for the loss of the lamented and revered Mrs. Mary A. Maltbie, it is

eminently fitting that this Association should give utterance to their deep sense of bereavement.

Resolved, That as Managers of this Institution, of which our beloved friend was prime originator and founder, we deeply lament the removal of one who was so richly qualified by gifts and graces, intellectual and spiritual, and still more by the glowing benevolence and tender sympathy of an affectionate heart for the position of President of this charitable Institution, over which she presided with such eminent wisdom, moderation, dignity, forbearance and Christian courtesy.

Resolved, That in every plan of benevolence her enlightened zeal and christian sympathies led her to embrace earnestly every measure for the relief and improvement of the suffering and destitute—measures which to some of our number, less gifted with her strong faith and firm resolve, seemed difficult if not impracticable—but which in the review we feel constrained to admit that, could her views have been carried out, the sphere of usefulness of this Institution at the present moment would have been more extended and varied, for hers was a mind that devised liberal things.

In all the weary days and years of sickness and prostration upon the bed of pain and languishing, even when her voice was too low and feeble to utter the promptings of her surcharged heart, her eloquent pen addressed us in earnest appeal and wise admonition to work and not faint, to labor and not weary in the cause of the needy and destitute.

Resolved, That this precious legacy of death-bed literature so full of yearning sympathy, wise suggestions, stirring appeal, fervent faith and sweet resignation, cannot easily be forgotten by those of us whose privilege it has been to peruse or to listen to it. We will treasure it in our sacred archives.

Resolved, That cherishing as warmly as we shall, the remembrance of this pure and saintly life, perhaps the most precious tribute to her worth will be offered by the large company of her beneficiaries who are ready to exclaim, "we have lost our best earthly friend."

Resolved, That by this last and second bereavement of our wisest and our best, the summons has come very near to us, and we are admonished to be also ready, and to work earnestly and prayerfully in the space yet allowed us, knowing that though health may decline, tongues may cease, eloquence may lose its power, music its sweetness, life itself dissolve, yet duty, fidelity, goodness like hers abideth forever—eternal in the earth, eternal in the Heavens.

Resolved, That we offer the afflicted family of the deceased our mingled sympathy and congratulations—sympathy that the dear form of their beloved mother is no longer near to cheer and encourage them by all her beautiful and loving acts and words—rejoice with them that her freed spirit has exchanged the worn garments of the flesh for the heavenly robes—that she so nobly finished her work—that she has taken her inheritance with her—that she has won and will receive her crown.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, that they be entered upon the records of this Association, and that they be published in the daily papers.

L. WALLACE.

In behalf of the Board.

A beautiful tribute to her cherished memory was also prepared by the Secretary of the Board, Mrs. Samuel C. Brewster.

During the period of Mrs. Maltbie's enforced absence, covering more than a decade of years, the active duties of the office devolved largely upon Mrs. A. R. Hebbard, who prompt, earnest and zealous, strove also to make the Home the nucleus around which the benevolent forces of our city and county could be concentrated, whose radii of blessing could perennially reach forth hands of help and hope to the aged, the suffering and the weary. Mrs. E. F. Wallace, now the esteemed first Vice-President, often occupied the chair, and then as now by her eminent courtesy of manner, her delicate discernment,

her wise moderation, made her presence in the Board a continued power for good, a center around which those less experienced rally with confidence. In the Fall, November, 1867, after the fire occurred, necessitating the removal of the aged inmates at night, a meeting was called by the Executive Board to consider the propriety of sale and removal. After due consideration by the committee appointed for the purpose, negotiations were commenced and perfected. The building then No. 33 Fayette Street was sold, and the building known as the Corning Place, now the site of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, was obtained for temporary use. The quarters were narrow indeed, and a contraction of the Home work in consequence, and prejudicial reports arising therefrom, proved at length the spur to a concentrated and determined effort.

MATRON'S REPORT.

From the Matron's Report for the year ending April, 1868, we find

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| Number of inmates at last Annual Meeting..... | 21 |
| Admissions..... | 112 |
| Dismissals..... | 115 |
| Died..... | 3 |
| Widows..... | 29 |
| Deserted wives..... | 2 |
| Single adults..... | 38 |
| Married..... | 8 |
| Young girls and Children..... | 35 |
| Charged to Association..... | 93 |

J. M. WILLETTS, Matron.

DEPOSITORY AND SEWING SCHOOLS.

The Reports from the Depository and Sewing Schools were full and encouraging. In August of this year (1868) a circular was issued detailing at length the plan and scope of the work of the Association, the results of its operations for years which was scattered broadcast throughout the county.

It stated also that the committee of gentlemen appointed by the Board, had examined various lots with reference to the purchase of a new site for the Institution. This committee consisted of Thomas B. Fitch, Esq., Dr. Lyman Clary, and Hon. E. W. Leavenworth. Fortunately they had made no purchase, for at this juncture, Hon. Moses D. Burnett most generously offered to present on fulfillment of certain conditions, a lot as desirable and valuable to the Association, as any in the city.

"In order to establish the Home on a firm foundation, to secure its greater usefulness, and to enable the Board to erect a building worthy of the location, and of Major Burnett's liberality, adequate to the present and future wants of our city and county, he has very wisely annexed one condition to his gift, viz :—that before he makes a conveyance of the property we shall have assets to the value of \$50,000 " Thus they set forth the absolute need of aid to enable the Association to command at once these great advantages.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Quotations from the report of Mr. O. Ballard, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees may here appropriately show the financial state of the Association :

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| Amount of receipts for year ending April 1868..... | \$9465.70 |
| Amount disbursed..... | 2172.50 |
| Leaving to the credit of Association in Syracuse Na- tional Bank..... | 7296.20 |
| Securities in hands of the Treasurer..... | 10,150.00 |
| The Treasurer of the Board, Mrs. C. L. Chandler, reports having received and disbursed..... | 1863.75 |

The result of the effort made to enlarge the funds of the Association, exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine. In the course of a few weeks, the entire amount, with a few exceptions, was freely bestowed within the limits of our city, the total being above *thirty thousand dollars*.

Thus was secured Major Burnett's munificent gift, and the corner stone of the new Home was laid with appropriate ceremonies in June, 1869.

The Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Miller, in her report of the Seventeenth year, says: "To those faithful and active friends to whom we are indebted for this inspiring prospect, we return our heartfelt thanks, and we solemnly pledge that their munificent gift shall be devoted to the cause of suffering humanity so long as we have the poor with us; while the walls of the new Home shall stand, its doors will be open to the needy and the friendless, it shall be in short what its name indicates, truly a home for the homeless, and since he that giveth to the poor "lendeth to the Lord," we can promise no richer reward to the donors, than that the result of their good deeds shall go on accumulating blessings at compound interest, while the building stands. Nay, *eternity* alone can reveal the grand sum total of the profits of this investment." Of this year's special work it must be admitted that the lack of room in which to shelter the helpless, the unprotected, greatly hindered the accomplishment of what would gladly have been done.

The Matron reports, April 1st, 1869: Number of inmates at last Annual Meeting, 14; received during the year, 84; dismissed, 78; died, 2; remaining in the Home, 18; chargeable to the Association, 84.

SEWING SCHOOLS.

The Young Men's Christian Association very cordially granted the free use of Hawley Street Mission Chapel, and fuel to warm it, for the Sewing School. Number of scholars, 114; teachers, 17; average of teachers, 11; of scholars, 52. Number of garments made, 140. Donations were received in amount \$28.41. Mrs. L. W. Butler, Superintendent; Miss Lavinia Van Wagenen, Secretary.

Another School reports: Whole number of pupils, 261; teachers, 28; average of pupils, 102; of teachers, 11. Garments made, 150; quilts completed, 7.

J. A. CLARK, Sec'y.

The gifts for the Depository were lessened by the unsettled state of Home affairs during the year ending April, 1869. Donations amounting to \$56.50 were received. Expended by Purchasing Committee, \$98.19. Given from Depository, 5 bedquilts, 14 comfortables, 183 garments.

MRS. CHARLES C. BATES, Clerk.

O. Ballard, Treasurer of Board of Trustees, reports :

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| Cash on hand May 16th, 1869..... | \$14,347 04 |
| Disbursed..... | 2 954 97 |
| Leaving to credit of Home Association..... | 11,482 97 |
| Securities in hands of Treasurer amounting to..... | 16,350 00 |
| In cash and securities..... | 27,832 97 |

Mrs. C. L. Chandler, Treasurer of the Board of Managers, reports, April 1st, 1869 :

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| Cash received and disbursed..... | \$2,34 26 |
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CEREMONIES ATTENDING THE LAYING OF THE
CORNER-STONE OF THE NEW "HOME FOR THE
FRIENDLESS," JUNE, 1869.

The day advertised for the laying of the corner stone of the new building of the "Home for the Friendless," on the site donated by Major Moses D. Burnet, corner of Hawley and Townsend streets, was the occasion of a large assemblage of our citizens feeling a deep interest in that noble charity. We observed many of the earliest and staunchest friends and promoters of "The Home" in the concourse, which embraced also the body of the present strong and devoted supporters of the institution.

Mr. C. T. Longstreet, Chairman of the Building Committee, called the meeting to order, and on his nomination, Hon. E. W. Leavenworth was called to preside.

General Leavenworth said this was an occasion we have long anticipated with anxiety and interest,—the laying of the corner stone of a fitting building for the "Home for the Friendless," a monument to the intelligence and benevolence of the community. The glad occasion has finally arrived, and it is for this purpose we have now assembled. It is particularly appropriate that on this occasion we should invoke the Divine blessing.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. James Erwin.

The Rev. Samuel J. May then delivered the following interesting and appropriate

ADDRESS.

Christian Friends and Fellow Citizens :

We are assembled on a very interesting occasion—an occasion that must awaken in every benevolent bosom the liveliest joy. We have come to this most eligible spot—the generous gift of a large-hearted neighbor—that here we may witness, and help to consecrate, the official foundation of a building that is to furnish ample accommodations to one of the most truly

charitable institutions in our city and country. Its name is enough to thrill one's heart with delightful emotions — "The Home for the Friendless!" Oh! if there be any so desolate in a world, a country, a city, full as ours is of the children of the Heavenly Father, and of the bountiful provisions He has made for the wants of His whole human family. Oh! if there be any among us (as, alas! there are) so desolate as to be *homeless* — with not even the smallest mansion in our Father's earthly house, not the least portion of the common heritage of mankind; if there be any such, who does not long to have that saddest of all earthly wants supplied to them? How can we ever sing, or hear, that touching song — "Home, sweet home! be it ever so humble, there's no place like home" — and not be quickened in our efforts to provide a home for all who have not one? How can we build gorgeous palaces for ourselves, and leave any, "the least of our brethren," without even a hovel to shelter them? Surely we cannot, if the spirit of the "dearly beloved Son of God" hath touched our hearts.

The most that hath been done on earth for the relief of human want and misery (little as it is in comparison with what remains to be done) is mainly attributable to the spirit of Christ. Hospitals for the sick and wounded; asylums for the infirm and poor, or even for orphan children, were unknown among the ancient heathen. In Athens, and also in ancient Syracuse, those persons who had suffered in the service of their country were fed, if they needed or chose to be, at a public restaurant; but there was no home provided for them if they were sick. In Sparta, where all the citizens ate at common tables, there was nothing like a hospital for the sick or infirm. In Rome, neither Numa Pompilius nor Servius Tullius — the two most humane and pious of her emperors — seem to have thought of making any provision for the poor, the infirm, or the sick. The first establishment of any such institutions must be ascribed to Christians. About the middle of the fourth century, Fabiola, a pious Roman lady, opened an asylum for poor sick persons. And afterwards Constantine, the first Christian emperor, and his successors, built many hospitals for poor infants, for aged destitute persons, for orphans, and for strangers.

Since then, in every country professing to be Christian, there have been institutions of various names, for the relief of human sufferings and the supply of human wants.

It is the glory of the Roman Catholic Church, that she has large numbers of men and women *consecrated*—set apart in Holy Orders—to devote themselves through life to the relief of every kind of human misery; “Sisters of Charity,” “Brothers of Mercy,” who spend and are spent in the service of the poor, the helpless and the vicious. And these orders of holy men and women will continue to be the glorious distinction of that Church, until a better order of things shall arise in Christendom, when the professed followers of Jesus shall no longer delegate to others the performance of their benevolent duties; but when all the members of the Church of Christ shall be so “zealous of good works,” as to hasten themselves to do them, and every one shall feel that, if he has a whole loaf, he ought readily to share it with a brother man who has no bread.

To this better order of Christian beneficence there seems to be a tendency in all Protestant communities. Certainly a signal approach was made to it in the formation of the Association, whose local habitation is to be erected upon this spot. It was organized on the 23d of December, 1851, by a number of excellent ladies, headed by that dear departed one—their first president—whose memory is so precious to all who knew her. Mrs. Maltbie continued, while she lived, to preside over their deliberations, and to infuse her spirit of wisdom and heartfelt charity into their measures, when not prevented by her extreme debility. Mrs. Hebbard was elected her successor, and has ever evinced great zeal and earnestness in the cause; as indeed the managers and members generally have done in a remarkable degree.

Before that time, there were some provisions among us for the relief of human misery. There was the overseer of the poor, who probably did all that one man could do for the numerous sufferers, of various classes, in our community. He could, under certain restrictions, dole out a little food or a little fuel weekly, to eke out the very scanty means of such as would otherwise suffer, during that season of the year when

employment is scarce, but the wants of the laborers' families are most numerous and urgent. Or, he might, at his discretion, remove them to the county house.

Better than all, there was the Asylum, where young children, who were orphans, or whose destitute parents were unable to provide for them, were admitted to enjoy the comforts of a good home, and to receive such moral culture and such literary and religious instructions as were adapted to their ages. But, as was said in the first Annual Report of this Association, there was then no asylum for the homeless, friendless girl, seeking employment and needing shelter, where she might receive counsel and aid, and be secured from the manifold dangers that beset her path in the highways and by-ways of this city. There was then no asylum for "the trembling frame of virtuous poverty, whose steps accumulated years and sorrows were bringing to the grave." Before the birth of this Association, "there was no voluntary guardianship of the poor of our city; no concerted action: and the amount given by public and private charity was probably more in proportion to the impotency and duplicity of applicants than to their merit or real necessities."

For want of funds, and a suitable habitation, the ladies of this Association were unable to commence all parts of their benevolent plan for nearly a year. But in 1852 or 1853, their appeal for aid was promptly responded to by the wealthy of our city, to such an amount that they were enabled to purchase the large building known until lately as "The Home," in East Fayette street; to arrange and furnish the apartments as they saw fit; employ a suitable matron and assistants; open an office, and begin the development of their admirable institution.

To ascertain the character and wants of the poor of our city, who asked for aid; and to search out such as might need, though they did not ask it; and to afford relief to all the suffering, so far as might be practicable, the Association subdivided the city into forty-five or fifty districts. They committed each district to the supervision of two members, whose

duty it should be to make themselves personally acquainted with the condition and character of all the poor within their province; comfort them by sympathy; assist them by advice; supply their immediate wants from the Depository established at the Home; or by commending them to the care of such benevolent neighbors as were known to be willing to minister to their wants; and convey to the Home such as could not properly be provided for elsewhere.

I am not prepared to say that this plan has been carried fully into operation, in all its details, throughout our city. I doubt if the Association has ever had means of members enough to do all that was proposed by the benevolent spirits who devised its plan.

But I am prepared to say, that I have never known, nor heard of, the proposal of a system of beneficence so truly deserving to be called Christian, as this: one that may so appropriately bear the name of the dearly beloved Son of God, who went about doing good; who personally visited the abodes of the poor and the haunts of the vicious, and relieved their wants, and recalled them from their evil ways.

And now that this Home Association is to be provided with such ample accommodations, and to be lifted to such a prominence amongst the charitable institutions of Syracuse, it is my heart's desire and prayer, that it may attract and attach to itself as many members as shall be needed to carry into fullest operation every part of its admirable plan; that it may receive a perpetual stream of contributions of money, clothing, provisions of every sort, so that its almoners shall be able to give the kind and amount of assistance they see to be needed anywhere. But more than all, I pray that the doings and reports of this Association may wake up in the bosoms of all the people in our city, such a true regard for all the rights of human beings, and such a sympathy for all who are "in any kind of trouble of mind, body, or estate," that there shall never more be found a *friendless* one in all our borders; but that every one "of the least of our brethren," who may be hungry, shall receive meat; every one who may be thirsty, shall receive

drink ; and every stranger be hospitably taken in ; that every naked one shall be clothed ; every sick one be ministered unto ; and every prisoner be visited in compassion and hope. Then shall we not need to make loud profession, that we are a Christian people ; for our loving, brotherly kindness will show that we " must have been with Jesus and learnt of Him " — learnt of Him in whose Gospel we are taught, that our love of God is to be measured by our love of our fellow men ; " that whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, cannot have the love of God dwelling in him."

Members of the Choral Society, under the lead of Mr. Henry Babcock, sang the following

HYMN.

TUNE—St. Ann's.

Grant, Lord, that we now met this day,
May be indeed Thine own ;
And this foundation strongly lay
On Thee, the Corner Stone.

For Thou hast needy brethren here,
Partakers of Thy grace,
Whose names Thou wilt Thyself confess
Before the Father's face.

And in their accents of distress
Thy pleading voice is heard ;
In them Thou mayest be clothed and fed,
And visited, and cheered.

Thy face with reverence, and with love
We in Thy poor would see ;
O may we minister to them,
And in them, Lord, to Thee. Amen.

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE.

The corner stone was then laid by the Rev. George Morgan Hills, with appropriate ceremonies. He said :

Good People : We are bidden by Holy Scripture, in all our doings, to acknowledge Him, without whose favor nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; let us therefore humbly beg the blessing of Almighty God, on this our undertaking.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name; and finally by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of thy people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The several deposits in the box to be covered by the corner stone were then named, as follows:

1st. The Holy Bible.

2d. A record of the list of subscribers to the original fund; a copy of the act of the Legislature incorporating "The Home;" a list of the first officers of the Association; a notice of the services of Mrs. Almira R. Hebbard; a list of the present officers of the Association.

3d. The first Annual Report and the last Annual Report of the Association.

4th. The Annual Report of 1867, containing a memorial to the late Mrs. Mary A. Maltbie, together with a manuscript memorial of the same by Mrs. S. C. Brewster.

5th. Syracuse City Directory, 1868-9.

6th. Copies of the Syracuse daily *Journal*, *Standard Courier*, and German papers.

The box was then placed in the cavity, the mortar spread by the workman, and the stone adjusted, and pronounced true and level; whereupon the Rev. Mr. Hills took the workman's hammer and said:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. Except the Lord build the house, their labor is but lost that build it.

Then striking the stone thrice with the workman's hammer :

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. I lay this corner stone of a house to be here builded for "The Syracuse Home Association," an institution incorporated by the State of New York, for the "protection and relief" of destitute and friendless women and children, agreeably to the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou hast put it into the hearts of Thy servants to build this house. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handiwork. Guard and defend the workmen, and keep them from harm and accident. Bless all who aid this Institution by offerings, by prayers, by labors, or by influence. Give to its officers unity of council and purity of intention. See that such as are in need and necessity have right, and grant that all who shall receive the benefit of this pious work may show their thankfulness, by making a right use of it to the glory of Thy Blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Doxology was sung by the choir and congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Frost offered the closing prayer, and the Rev. Mr. Mundy pronounced the benediction. Thus closed the very appropriate and indeed beautiful ceremonies attending this interesting event. The public interest was manifested by the large representative attendance, and the public feeling is properly reflected in the tenor of the proceedings.

In less than seven months from this time was pushed to its completion one of the most tasteful and substantial Homes in this State. The dedicatory services took place February 2d,

1870. They were most interesting and impressive. A most able and eloquent Address, replete with broad views, and suggestions as to all possibilities of Christian effort, was delivered by Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington.* Invitations had been issued largely to our citizens in and out of town, and the propriety and even necessity of further gifts by way of furnishing the rooms, by individuals or societies, was suggested. That to a large extent this was promptly done, may be inferred from the fact, that fires having been kept up in the steam furnaces some time previously, the aged and infirm family were established again in permanent quarters early in March, 1870, greatly to the satisfaction of the Managers, and the comfort of the Matron to whose judicious care they were much indebted.

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY.

Depository Report for year ending April 7, 1871:

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| Received at the Depository during the last year, 183 | |
| articles, clothing and bedding valued at..... | \$78.83 |
| 1 dozen brooms from a friend..... | 4.80 |
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| Total..... | \$83.63 |
| Purchased by committee goods amounting to..... | 81.89 |
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| Total of donations and purchases | \$165.72 |

MRS. I. H. COBB, Clerk.

Statistics from Matron's Report are embodied in the statement of the entire Home work, from its commencement.

As far as could be ascertained, the entire number of scholars attending the Sewing Schools during this (the Nineteenth year), was 106; the average but 42; whole number of teachers

*A regretted failure of the effort for its publication, makes its place vacant in our records of this occasion.

26, average, 9; 60 garments were given out, and 19 bed-quilts pieced. These quilts were prepared for school by Mrs. J. H. Colvin, and finished ready for quilting by her, with teachers and friends of the Home. Most of them were quilted by the Ladies who attended the Sociables during the winter. The festival as usual was held at the close of the School, 71 children being present.

NINETEENTH YEAR.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Gen. Leavenworth, on behalf of the Building Committee, consisting of Messrs. E. W. Leavenworth, T. B. Fitch, L. Clary, D. French and C. T. Longstreet, made a report of cost of building, &c., exclusive of lot which was a donation by Hon. M. D. Burnett, and valued at \$15,000.

The footings of this report are as follows :

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| Cost of building proper..... | \$29,868.27 |
| Plumbing and gas-fixtures..... | 1282.04 |
| Heating apparatus..... | 2347.58 |
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| | \$33,497 89 |
| Sewers, sidewalks, &c..... | 2,915 05 |
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| Total for building and improvements.... | \$36,412 94 |

TWENTIETH YEAR.

Mr. O. Ballard reports cash on hand :

In the Syracuse National Bank, April 1st, 1872....\$10,666 95
 The Treasurer holds securities in bonds and mortgages in favor of the Association, amounting to, 12,000 00

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR, ENDING APRIL 8, 1873.

O. Ballard, Treasurer of the Syracuse Home Association, submitted his Report, as follows :

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| By balance in Syracuse National Bank, as per last report..... | \$10,666 95 |
| Received during the year : | |
| By donations..... | \$1,192 06 |
| By State appropriations..... | 1,500 00 |
| From County of Onondaga..... | 496 15 |
| From Town of Geddes..... | 63 44 |
| For board of inmates..... | 528 58 |
| For life membership..... | 80 00 |
| On annual subscriptions..... | 173 00 |
| For interest on investments..... | 1,090 98 |
| For interest on account at Syracuse National Bank, | 534 27 |
| Amounting in all to the sum of..... | <hr/> \$16,325 43 |

The following sums have been paid :

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| On drafts of E. W. Leavenworth (money drawn for investment)..... | \$10,091 20 |
| On drafts of the Secretary..... | 2,925 00 |
| For insurance..... | 330 00 |
| For gas..... | 88 90 |
| For water rent..... | 39 00 |

Amounting in all to the sum of..... \$13,474 10

Leaving on hand in the Syracuse National Bank,

April 1st, 1873..... \$2,851 33

The Treasurer holds securities in his hands amt'g to \$24,690 00